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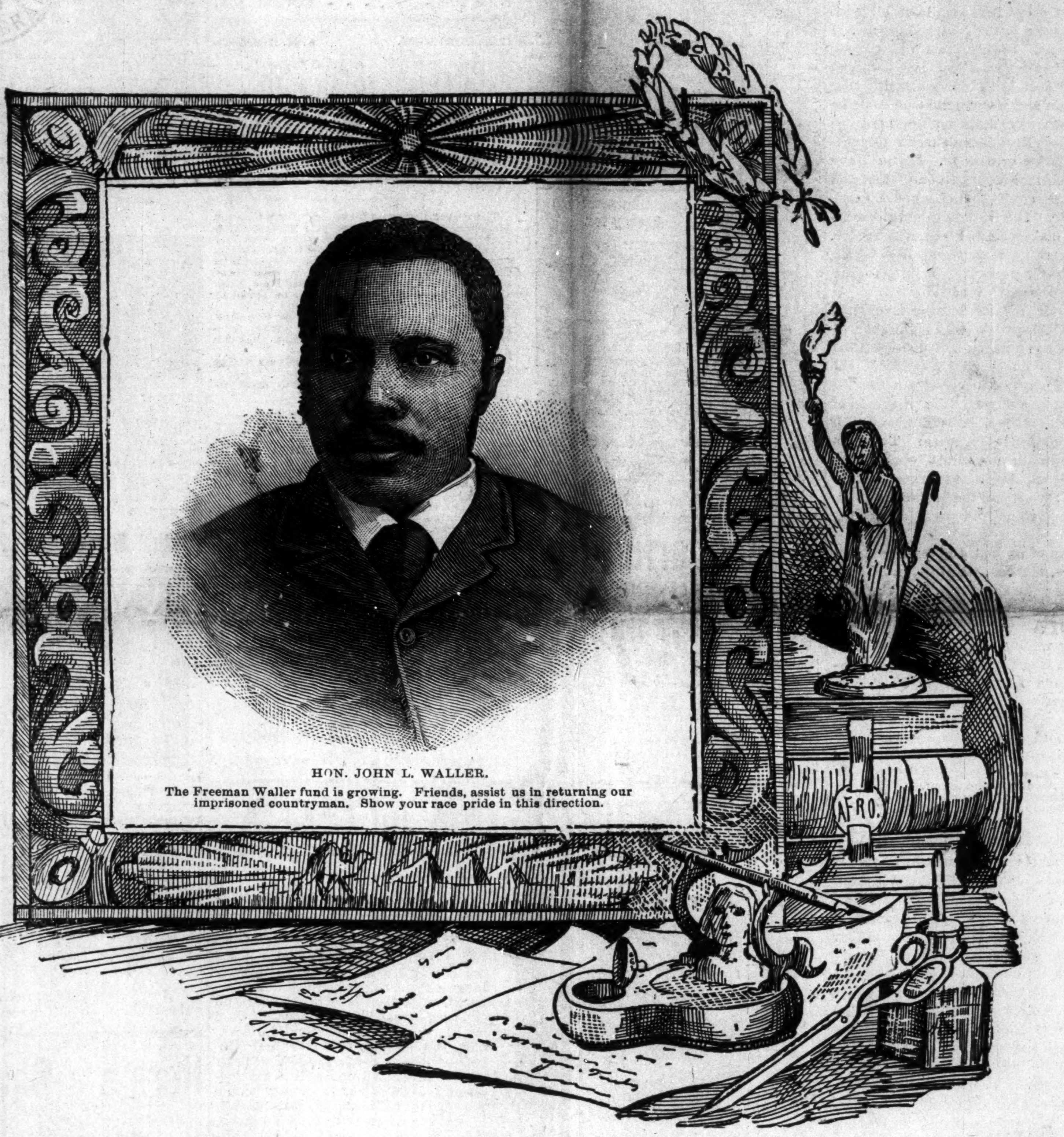

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POLITICS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE MERRY WAR TO END WITH A PRIMARY JANUARY 28TH.

HONORS TO BE EQUALLY DIVIDED.

Col. Carson's Stock Above Par—Hon. Isaac H. Smith, of North Carolina, Dined by Recorder Taylor—Civil Service Commission a Thorn in the Flesh of Labor Unions—Public Printer Benedict—The Mock Congress—Robert G. Still Dead at Philadelphia—Notes and Small Talk.

Washington, D. C., Special.

Local politics is the star actor in the current drama, and now occupies the honor position in the center of the stage. The field is full of candidates for delegate to the Republican National convention, so full in fact that in order to procure a committee of election supervisors sufficiently prominent to insure fair play, the National committee was compelled to select three men who were themselves aspirants for the privilege of representing the District at St. Louis. Some criticism has been made of the anamalous situation by which three men are called upon to prescribe rules for an election in whose results they are personally interested, to appoint officers whose decisions must materially affect their interests, and to finally face the possibility of issuing certificates to themselves testifying that they have been duly elected, etc. But, as only two can be chosen, and the board contains three members, the opportunity for questionable methods will be reduced to a minimum, for the odd man can be depended upon to keep his eye glued to the movement of either of the other *two*. The board is composed of Ex-commissioner M. M. Parker, Col. Perry H. Carson and Andrew Gleeson.

The fight which has been waged intermittingly since August, grows in warmth as the primaries draw near. The wind-up will occur January 28th. According to the agreement arranged by the board, the two delegates and two alternates will be selected by a direct vote of the people, and the honors are to be divided equally between the whites and the blacks, no matter if the pluralities should show two white candidates to have the most votes to their credit. The one white man receiving the highest vote given to white candidates, is to be declared elected; and the one Negro candidate receiving the highest vote among the colored aspirants, is likewise elected. Alternates are to be chosen in the same manner. The avowed colored candidates are Col. Carson, L. C. Bailey, Dr. C. B. Purvis, Col. M. M. Holland, Robert H. Key and Daniel Murray. Col. Carson has thrown down the gauntlet to the entire field and claims—not without foundation—that he "will win in a walk," and says that up to this time his opponents have been "eating their white bread." They will now be put through a thorough sweating process, prior to being plunged into the consomme. A new candidate was sprung this week, in the person of Rev. Walter H. Brooks, but it is thought that he comes too late to be seriously considered. He is expected to solidity the great Baptist element, but it is apparent, if any attempt of that kind is made, it would result in the appearance of Rev. George W. Lee, from Vermont Avenue church; Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, from Shiloh, and Rev. Henry Clay Robininson, from South Washington. Dr. Brooks was recently defeated for the claplaincy of the House, but had the Afro-Americans solidly behind him, and is a man of great worth and ability. The expediency, however, of the preacher in politics, is doubted, and aside from church duties, they are expected to restrain their ambitions. Indications point to the triumphant election of the old "war-hoss," Col. Carson, and the man who even winds this shrewd manipulator will have to rise very early in the morning, if indeed, he doesn't have to stay up all night. There are certainly some lively times ahead.

The important social function of the fortnight was the complimentary dinner tendered to the Hon. Isaac H. Smith, a prominent banker of Newberne, N. C., on New Years' day, by Recorder of Deeds, C. H. J. Taylor. The affair took place in the commodious dining hall of the Odd Fellows, Cafe, on M street. Some of the most prominent men of the country were present, not fewer than ten states being represented. Col. Taylor, representing the commonwealth of Kansas, sat at the head, and did the honor in his inimitable fashion. Hon. Isaac H. Smith, the guest of the occasion, representing North Carolina, sat at his right, with Congressman G. W. Murray, South Carolina's talented leader, at his right. Among others preseut were Hon. C. W. Murray, of Missouri, editor of the St. Louis Advance; E. E. Cooper, editor of the Colored American; Prof. L. M. Hershaw, of Georgia, a graduate at law and an official in the General Land office; R. W. Thompson, of Indiana, ex-editor of the Indianapolis World, general newspaper correspondent, and chief clerk of a division in the government printing office; W. T. Menard, son of the late Ex-Congressman Menard, of Florida, a skilled typo in the government printing office; Dr. J. G. Clayton, of Ohio, an examiner in the Pension office, and a rising musical composer; and J. S. Moten, of Texas, a law student and an official in the Navy department. The dinner covered eight courses, was discussed fully three hours, and was a brilliant success in every respect.

The increased force at the government printing office, made necessary by the setting of Congress, has been a boon to the Afro-American, while the appointments are only temporary, lasting for the session or less, the crisp greenbacks from Uncle Sam is a great help toward tiding over a cold and cheerless winter. Besides several ladies in the bindery and folding rooms, and a number of laborers in the various departments, six colored printers have been given work on the cases. It will be of interest to the citizens of the Hoosier Capital to know that among the latter was Wm. H. Porter, of Indianapolis, for the past two years foreman of the Colored American of this city. As Mr. Porter is not a member of the Typographical union, his assignment to duty was delayed by the union people who claim that a union card is necessary to eligibility to appointment under this branch of the public service. Four white printers were held up for the same reason, but were finally given temporary permits, pending the result of their applications for membership. After much "humming and hawing," (the union being really opposed to Negro members if they can find an excuse for "turning them down,") Mr. Porter was given a permit also. As these men all passed civil service examinations, and were appointed under regulations prescribed by law, they justly contend that the union has no jurisdiction in the premises, and should their names be rejected on some technicality, will appeal to the Commission. Under the old system there was no redress against arbitrary and unjust discrimination on the part of the Typographical, Bookbinders or Pressmen's unions, but as these organizations are not now recognized by the government, the opportunity for fair treatment, especially for Afro-Americans, is greatly enhanced. The union must now receive these men, the Negro with the rest, or fight a losing battle with the Civil Service Commission. It is not difficult to perceive which horn of the dilema they will seize. These appointments of colored men have unquestionably set aside the silly vaporings of biased politicians to the effect that it was useless for Negroes to take the examinations during the life of this administration, as Public Printer Benedict would not give any of them an appointment. Those who know Mr. Benedict's broad and generous character, scouted the idea at the time, and told the colored people that if they listened to such nonsense, they would simply be throwing away a golden opportunity. The truth of that statement is simply vindicated by the result. Not only does Mr. Benedict repudiate color prejudice, but shows his disregard for political preferences in his honest and impartial enforcement of the civil service regulations. All of the six printers assigned are Republicans, and it is well known that the Public Printer is a Democrat of the stalwart school.

The Washington Post of Wednesday, January 8th, prints the following interesting bit of news:

"J. Milton Turner, Ex-Minister to Liberia under President Grant, was at the Capital yesterday. He is said to be the first stump orator of his race in the United States. Since his retirement from politics he has been practicing law in St. Louis, and he told a Post man that he was very glad that President Cleveland had not appointed him Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, for since then he had prospered in his profession and had been of service to a great many people. Mr. Turner is here in the interest of the freedmen of the Cherokee Indians, about 5,000 colored people who had been former slaves of that tribe. These people were allowed the sum of $900,000 some time ago, and lately the tribal Legislature increased the amount to $1,300,000. The matter is now before the Court of Claims, and Mr. Turner feels confident that his clients will get the money. His own fee will be fat, as counsel for the freedmen are entitled to 10 per cent. of the whole amount. The case, according to Mr. Turner, is one of more importance to the Negro race than any that has been brought into court since the Dred Scott decision. The colorod people affected will not only get a large sum of money, but when the 6,500,000 of land now owned by the Cherokees are allotted by the government, the blacks will get as their part over 1,000,000 acres."

A telegram from Philadelphia Wednesday morning announced the death of Robert G. Still a well-known leader in Democratic circles, and up to the present, editor of the Philadelphia Sunday Journal. His death was due to an attack of pneumonia Mr. Still was prominent in national politics in 1892 and 1894, and was an aspirant at different times for the Recordership of Deeds and the Liberian Mission. He was the son of William Still a wealthy business man of the Quaker metropolis, widely known as the author of a work on "The Underground Railroad." Deceased was thirty-two years of age.

A mock congress is being projected by the management of the Y. M. C. A. All the questions of current moment will be discussed in connection with "bills" bearing upon the subject. The membership will include the best literary talent of the city, embracing the business, professional and office-holding classes. A spirited contest for speaker is already in progress, and the coming congress will be as nearly like the real thing as could be expected in the absence of the $5,000 salary. Hon. C. H. Taylor and Lawyer Robert H. Terrell are mentioned in connection with the speakership.

NOTES.

Miss Ednorah Nahar will return in a few weeks.

Mme. Flora Batson-Bergen is underlined for an early appearance.

Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback is in Louisiana looking after his fences.

R. W. Thompson of Indiana addresses Shiloh Baptist literary Jan. 19th on "Afro-American Journalism."

The movement for a national celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation finds much favor here. January 1st is the day preferred, and if the national organization is not perfected by the first day of 1897, the District of Columbia will probably unite in a general celebration of its own.

Rev. H. C. C. Astwood will represent Santo Domingo at the General Conference of the A. M. E. church.

Miss Henrietta Vinton-Davis is on the road, being supported by Lamartine J. Brown, an accomplished baritone.

Prof. Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee and Rev. J. M. Henderson of New York will fill engagements before the Bethel literary society shortly.

Hon. T. T. Allain, formerly a member of the Louisiana State Senate, now a resident of Chicago, has been appointed to a $1,200 position in the Capitol.

Mme. Sissieretta Jones was crowned "Queen of Song" on the occasion of her recent visit here. Ex-Senator Bruce delivered the presentation speech.

Mrs. Josephine D. Heard of Philadelphia, wife of the present minister to Liberia and an authoress of note, is in the city the guest of Recorder and Mrs. C. H. J. Taylor.

The Democratic National Committee met on the 16th to fix a time and place for the coming National Convention. Cincinnati, New York or St. Louis will get it, with the first named as favorite at present meeting.

Recorder Taylor has returned from Harrisburg, Pa., where he delivered a lecture to a crowded house at Rev. Wm. Howard Day's church on "The Battle of Life, or the Philosophy of Race Development." Following the lecture he was tendered a magnificent banquet at the Whitehall hotel. Many distinguished guests were present, among them the mayor, city, county and state officers.

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BISHOP LEE AND THE PRESS

THE GOOD BISHOP SPEAKS HIS SENTIMENTS IN REGARDS

To the Criticism of the Church Through the Secular Press—John M. Henderson Writes Interestingly—The Value of the Press.

In a late issue of the Recorder the learned and sincere Bishop Lee, who is as honest as daylight, speaks his sentiments in regard to the criticism of the church through the secular press. Bishop Lee is to be listened to with candid attention. He is not swayed by a desire to carry out any narrow views, but is moved upon by a desire to be just and right. Those who study human nature know that a knowledge of an individuals's character is the only proper key with which to interpret his words and acts. Bishop Lee is an honest and just man, and no unworthy feelings or motives lie hidden behind anything he says or does. The honest minded Bishop plainly says that he does not deny that as a church we make mistakes, but that he does not deem it wise to expose the mistakes to the world. That is a clear proposition and is fairly drawn from his words.

He next assumes that it has been claimed that until lately there were none who dared to "talk out," but that an iron hand closed each mouth. In reply to this assumption he addresses statements of fact which cannot be denied, but his error lies in the proposition assumed. There have been those who dared to talk out ever since our church begun. Bishop Payne is the earliest prominent example. He was right in his views but the prevailing sentiment was against him. All manner of abuse was heaped upon him, and all efforts were made to make him be still. He was right and at last the cause he advocated received attention. Bishop Brown was another man of high moral courage and has left along the pathway of his life hundreds of enduring monuments. Bishop Tanner was another brave man who dared to uphold his views. Did anybody ever get after him? Bishop Lee knows; but Bishop Tanner gave a new tone to African Methodism and has made one of the most helpful contributions to race advancement. Bishop H. M. Turner has always talked out. He has kept a stir wherever he went. He has made the dullest people think. Whatever may be said about his lack of discrimination about what he says, no man can deny that Bishop Turner is the most prominent man of our church now living, and that he will hold the most prominent place in the history of African Methodism, Bishop Allen alone excepted. Bishop Lee is right; the A. M E. church has never "gagged" all of her sons; some have talked out in tones of thunder. But the good Bishop overlooks other facts which are an essential part of the whole truth. While these men have talked out and have survived the efforts made to crush them, hundreds of weaker men have been awed into timid silence, or like T. G. Stewart have been driven forth, or like Dr. J. H. A. Johnson have been crushed to death.

The good Bishop makes as his second point the clearly seen fact that the "Press" has no legal jurisdiction over church affairs. That is true; the various conferences and boards have the legal jurisdiction and not the papers; but that fact is not relevant to the matter discussed. No one has claimed anything different, The "press" does not seek to exercise legal authority, but does exert a powerful influence in shaping opinions and inciting moral activities. The "press" does not appeal to the "church courts," but to the sovereign people. Rev. Ben Watson was crushed out in Kansas. He appealed to church courts in vain. Bishop Turner was brave enough to become his protector. I can now point to threats that have already been made should he fall into certain hands. There are 3,000 persons in Arkansas who take this paper; there are tens of thousands of A. M. E. people who will read this article. I ask them as individuals, do you not know of preachers who have been sent to the "bush" because the presiding elder or some big man did not like them? Have you not seen them try to get up on the conference floor to defend themselves and have you not seen them snowed under? Have you not known of members being turned out of church without judge or jury? Have you not known of many cases where complaints sent in have been hushed? What about Nashville and Dr. Smith? I name this because it is known everywhere, notwithstanding all the white wash. Is there anyone who has a right to hope that the heroic course will be taken?

Men are hot after the blood of a plain speaker or writer, but they are willing to cover a good deal of something else The public read what Bishop Gaines said as well as what Bishop Lee said. The people have got more sense and the preachers have got more grit than some persons think. Bishop Lee means well and believes what he says, but he is imposed upon by circumstances which hide from him the actual conditions. The fact is that the press, which he regards as an enemy is one of the best allies of the church. He misjudges the brethren of the press when he says that they publish these matters merely to sell papers. We have some editors who are gentlemen of high principle and who need to bow to no man as superior in honest devotion to the best intents of the race. If Bishop Lee knew some of our editors better he would willingly change his opinions of their motives. The secular press

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HOW TO SUCCECD IN LIFE.

LET US NOT LAMENT OVER THE PAST, BUT HOPE FOR

The Betterment of the Condition of the Negro Race—A Lecture Delivered by Miss Josephine E. Ghant at A. M. E. Church, Bessemer, Ala.

(Concluded from Jan. 4.)

We are promised the guidance of angels influence in the 91st Psalm, "For He shall give his angels charge over thee and keep thee in all thy ways." "They shall bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." This is fate and the only fate. Our greatest foe is that within, choice. Paul said, "I have fought the fight, I have kept the faith." He had conquered the inner foe. We have two things to choose from, the lower and the higher choice, of the lower tends to lower the character, of the higher to raise it step by step to the higher or moral standard. There are three kinds or classes of choices, moral, intellectual and animal, for instances a man wants a book very much and the dinner hour draws nigh and he has just money enough to buy one of the two, if he chooses the book it is an intellectual choice, if the dinner an animal choice; or we may suppose another case a man at home reading and it is election day, his is, an intellectual rather than a moral choice. He neglects his duty to his fellow man. The state is a divine institution the same as the family and church. It was once said by a clergyman that if a religious meeting and a caucus were to be held on the same night that it were better to go to the caucus as it was of more importance and of seldom duration, for often the fate of a nation depends upon one individual vote. If you wish to prosper choose the higher, the best, the good, the true.

The home is the foundation of human society and is of divine origin, so it is easy to be seen that it should be shut out from the world, a world in itself, a heaven on earth. To make it so we must have pure christian mothers, generous and devoted fathers, womanly women, manly men.

It is in the home that we prepare to meet the outside world for there comes a day to nearly every one whom we have and loved ones (must part with) when our lot is cast among strangers in a strange land, among friends and foes. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Home is the corner-stone of what we make ourselves. Home is where the successful and great abide. It is there we can always find rest from the busy cares of the world, consolation, instruction. It is there we are taught how to appreciate virtue and right, the beautiful and the true. It is there we get a foretaste of heaven for love reigns there. Can we fail to succeed? "God is Love."

The Sunday school is an excellent avenue to mould character. The fresh tender mind and heart of the child is so ready to accept these simple yet great truths. Did you ever notice how a child will worship nature? What perplexing questions they will put to you? What unbounded confidence they have in God, in his greatness and power. The Sunday school was not designed for the child alone but for all, both old and young.

Everyone should visit the Sunday school, it is a desecration of the Sabbath not to attend unless you are physically disabled. It is a day of rest but not idleness. We should work for the Master and learn more of Him. Every young man and woman ought to be active in the Sunday school and prepare themselves for the greater work so when the old leaders like Elijah throw off their mantles, they like Elisha will be ready to receive it that the gospel banner may not trail in the dust.

Next to moral greatness comes intellectual greatness, it can hardly be separated from it. "It is that faculty through which the soul, full of love for the true and the beautiful essays to comprehend the universe, soars into the heavens, penetrates the earth, penetrates itself, questions the past, anticipates the future and traces out the laws of nature."

Men have so scorned the word reason, that many are lead to think that God has so accursed it that it should not be given a place in things concrning our duty towards him. The majority of us think we cannot appreciate the word of God as we ought, if we attribute any force to man's reason. This idea coming from many pulpits to-day is that the natural man cannot perceive the things of God except by spiritual discernment, this idea has been so impressed in the minds of the masses that their natural conclusion is, that "to be ripe in faith one must be raw in wit and judgment." It is a mistake. God is intelligent and approves intelligent teaching. In his, Omnipotence, under the influence of his moral and intellectual powers has ever been steadily engaged in promoting the best good of all his creatures. Ignorance is yielding to knowledge, error to truth and sin to rightousness. Those who have reason and understanding should make use of it in those things concerning themselves and their posterity.

Mackinzie says, "education is friendly to sober manners and virtuous conduct which in ever profession is the road to success and respect" Books are the keyes to knowledge, Emerson said when he wanted to know whether a person was cultured, he asked whether they had read Plato or Shakespeare. Just as a person is known by the company he keeps, so is he konwn by the literature he reads. There is no excuse for any one not reading good books as the prices are in reach of all. No one can prevent us from acquiring knowledge and it is certain no one can take it away. There was once a time fresh in the memory of many here present, where every means of education was barred against us but that time is no more.

Then:

,Twas only God that was had for the asking,
,Twas only heaven that was given away.
There was no price laid on the lavish summer,
Aud June was had by the poorest comer, even a slave.

We must educate ourselves, develope all the faculties, hand, head and heart, The great tendency of man in the world is to be among men, and only cultivate the social and intellectual factulties. It is to them a loss of time to spend a few moments in solitude in enriching the mind and imagination. They think it better suited to fanatics as they term them; but the fanatics prove invariably to be the heroes, then memory lives on century after century embalmed in the minds of men.

Labor is regarded by many as degrading. There is dignity in honest labor that one fails to see in an idle worthless person no matter how well dressed. The most prominent people of all ages worked, even to the crowned heads. I don't pretend to say that every man should dig ditches, neither every woman wash and iron but I do maintain that every man and woman at some hour or hours each day finds employment for the hands. Rest doesn't mean idleness but recreation or change. If you have been teaching indoors all day when you go home chop some wood, carry water, etc. It will strengthen the muscles and make you feel better generally. It is surprising how physically weak a person may become by idleness, to say nothing of mental inaction.

The dude is faste loosing favor, it is the man that works who is sought. A man that has nothing and does nothing I doubt his honesty. Wealth is the crowning point of success, yet it may be a blessing or a curse. If a man keeps above his money it is a blessing, if mony is master it is a curse. To accumulate wealth one must economize. Save your earnings. As a race we are wasteful; we spend the last cent often when we have no prospects of getting another.

If many of us had the money spent for cigars, tobacco, whiskey, snuff, gum for shows and excursions, and the like you would be independent to-day no doubt. If you want momey and wealth you must work and economize, Wealth ill-gotton is short lived. It is the dishonest man who usually fails. If you would have wealth be honest in all your dealings. If honesty keeps you poor, remain so rather than cheat and defraud.

As Robert Burns says:

"For a that and a that
Our toils obsure and a that,
The honest man though e'er,
Is king of men for a that so poor."

To read is to think, not only get other's ideas but form some of your own. I doubt whether a man who has no ideas of his own knows whether he is himself or somebody else.

Read sacred literature, it tends to form, sustain and console the higher nature and to increase our love for the sublime and beautiful, to give us more confidence in virtue and the best views of human nature; to reform or refine what is best in man and the result of this refinement is culture. Man is what he makes himself and not only falls once but every day. You may have a tender flower, give it sunlight, air and moisture and it will grow strong and beautiful, deprive it of these it will wither and die. If you have but one talent work on that. It is not all who have the greater number of talents that will gain the most stars. One author has said "what a pitty some men die with all their music in them," don't let that apply to you, if you havn't any music make a noise—very truly John Boyle O'reilly said:

"Life is a certainty,
Death is a doubt,
Man may be dead
Though walking about.

This perhaps accounts for the seeming lethargy or dullness of many of us, we are mentally "dead."

Those who don't think are "dead" They must be arroused and called back to life and administer a remedy to keep them alive. They must have an aim in life, ambition, inspiration.

We must elevate ourselves, make ourselves useful or else we don't deserve to live and should move aside and let others take our place. As Talmage said: "What if all the old and young gossipers were dead. The Lord hasten their funerals." To those who are of no service to themselves or others and don't desire to be "The Lord hasten their funerals." It is the church influence that has done the greatest good among all people and in every age and the greatest men are those who had the best conception of the higher life among the ancients were Socrates, Homer, Virgil, Milton and Dante. The Americans, Garrison, Sumner, Henry Ward Beecher, Philips Brooks, Douglass, and Price. Read after them and when you come in touch with such noble lives your own will be transformed, then our hopes will be realized and "Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hand and compel all nations to bow before her."

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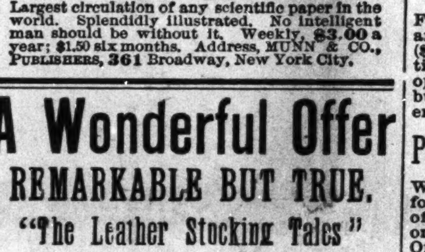

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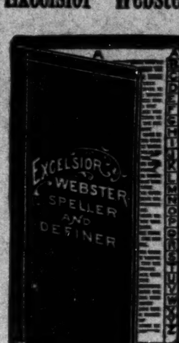
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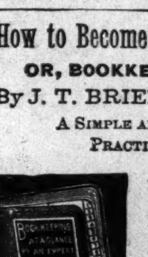
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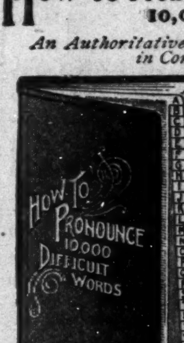
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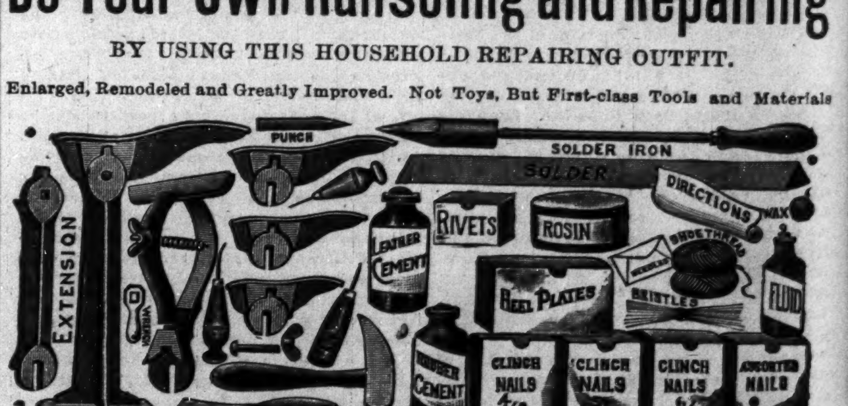

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CHAPTER XX.

COUNTER-PLOTTING THE PLOT.

> "My sentence is for open war,
> * * * *
> Which, if not victory is yet revenge."
> —Milton.

BANKS went from the Virginia League Club House direct to the house of a friend where he had his mail sent. He wrote the following letter which the reader will see contained all of his former cunning:

"NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 30, 1892.

"REV. WM. JONES, BEACONSVILLE, VA.—DEAR SIR AND FRIEND:—I have contemplated writing you a few lines for several weeks, in fact every since I have been out here, but at one time it was business, at another time procrastination, and so it has been up to the present time when I made up my mind to write to-night. I hope that these few lines may find you and family enjoying life's greatest blessing—good health. I know that you will be pleased to learn that I am doing nicely; I am working in a saw mill here at my old trade; I get $3.50 a day and save $3 25 of the money. I have never been obliged to draw any money out of the bank down home since I have been out here, so you see I have money in two banks—one in Virginia and the other in New York State. I send you with this letter a catalogue of some improved farming tools. If you see anything you like, write me word and I will send it on.

"Hoping that you are well, and that your crops were good this season, I have the honor to be,

"Respectfully yours,
"JOHN BANKS.

"949 W. 28th St."

"P. S. Kindly inform Miss Martha that I have some information of interest and importance to her which I will send in a few days. J. B."

Banks knew that Martha would read the letter for her uncle and answer the same; he also knew that the natural curiosity of her sex would cause her to directly or indirectly ask what it was of importance he had to write to her. He was not surprised therefore when he received the following:

"BEACONSVILLE, VA., Dec. 3, '92.

"MR. BANKS—My Dear Friend:—Yours of the 30th was duly received and contents noted; I was glad to hear from you—that you were doing so nicely; you will always have my well-wishes for your success in life, and as you are a smart young man with lots of push, your future in all respects cannot help from being very bright. I thank you kindly for the catalogue and will look over it in a few days and write you again. My sister and niece join me in hoping that this may find you as well as it leaves us. Paternally yours,

"WILLIAM JONES."

"P. S. Mr. Banks—Dear Sir:—I am anxiously awaiting to receive the information promised and hope it will be forthcoming in your next letter to Uncle Bill, or in a private letter to

"Your friend,
"MARTHA J. WRIGHT."

Banks answered the letter by return mail, but took no notice of the "P. S.," and in reply received a letter from Martha praying him to send at once the long looked for information, to which letter Banks replied as follows:

"NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 15, '92.

"MISS MARTHA J. WRIGHT—Respected Miss:—In reply to yours of the 13th, permit me to say that the information I am about to impart, will be, I know, surprising, still truth is always full of surprises. You remember telling me several months ago that you never expected to get married; that you had never seen any person you could or did love; you doubtless recall these facts, Miss Wright. I am glad to know that you have met a person you have learned to love, also to whom you have given your heart and hand. I say I am glad, and I truly mean it, for I long ago concluded that it would be a pity for so bright, pretty and intelligent a lady not to some day grace the fireside of some happy home as the wife of a worthy man. I must say, however, Miss Wright, that I am surprised at your selection; it is convincing proofs that cupid is blind, in fact, beg pardon, an ignorant little fool, when he selects for your future companion such a man as Joseph J. Clark. It is a clear case of 'Beauty and the Beast' or knowledge and ignorance. This brings me to the information I wish to give you. You are doubtless under the impression that Clark is an intelligent, smart, saving, educated man, if so you are in error, Miss Wright; Clark has not the average brute conception, spends every cent he makes upon the women of the street and wine; he bets upon horses and uses profane language. You have not heard the worse: he can neither read or write; the fine letters he has been writing to you have been written by another man who I do not know, but guess by some bar room keeper, as he spends all his idle time in bar rooms. His favorite amusement while in such places is to throw a lot of your letters to him upon the bar for everybody to read. Truth is truth, so I must confess that it was in one of these places I saw and read five of your letters to him. I know that he cannot read or write. He also told me that, to use his own words, you were stuck on him from the first time you saw him. He is the most self-conceited ignorant fellow I ever met, and know that your Uncle Bill would object to such a man marrying in his family. Some time (I hope not before it is too late) in the near future you will find out that every word I have written about Clark is true.

"Your friend and well-wisher,
"JOHN BANKS,
"949 West 28th street."

When Miss Wright received this letter she was thunderstruck. After she had had the usual female cry she started out to in some degree to verify Banks' statements which she did. She learned that Clark could not read or write when he left Mount Pleasant for the North, a few years before; that he had been working ever since he had been up North for a very hard man, and could not therefore have had much time to get a classical education like the author of his letters appeared to have. Having gleaned these facts, she wrote the following when under the influence of righteous anger:

"BEACONSVILLE, VA., Dec 29, '92.

"MR. J. J. CLARK—Sir:—I have reasons to believe from information I have received that you are not in many respects the person I have been led to believe you were from the letters I have received from you and which I supposed until a few days ago were written by you. While I blame you for the dishonorable and unmanly course you have taken, I do not hold myself blameless for confiding in the words of a stranger and trusting him as far as I have, but my sex since the days of Eve have been foolish in some one or more important matters.

"I shall return your letters, watch, rings and other presents just so soon as I can go to C—— to express them as there is no express company here.

"MARTHA JANE WRIGHT."

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Knights of Pythias News.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.

On Monday evening, Dec. 30th, the Ways and Means Committee of Penn Lodge No. 1 K. of P. met at 1022 Locust street. After a large amount of business was transacted the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, H. M. Kelley; vice president, D. J. Lisby; secretary, R. R. Johnson; assistant secretary, G. H. Truitt; treasurer, J. E. Murray. The main object of the committee is to promote and increase interest in the work of the Order. Keystone Divisien No. 4 V. R. of. K. of P. is arranging to visit churches. On Wednesday evening Jan. 1st, Grand Chancellor Commander, Sir H. M. Kelley and degree team conferred the rank of Knight on Alf Weather at 108 Ivy street. The work was magnificently performed. A fine collation followed. Supreme Deputy Sir Joseph Solomon has appointed Sir G. H. Truitt, assistant deputy for the State of Delaware. The fifth anniversary of Ethiopian Lodge K. of P. occurred at Linwood Jan. 16th. Keystone and St. Mark's Division took down fifty uniformed men. One of the main features of the Keystone Divisions is an attachment of a Bugle Corps. Chancellor Commander Sir Joseph E. Murray of Penn Lodge went to Brooklyn to attend the funeral of his father, Rev. J. B. Murray.

Personal Mention.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

Miss Julia Townsend left the city Dec. 30th to visit her brother Abe Townsend in Texas, and remain through the spring and summer. Wm. Hart died on the 29th ult. Thos. Robinson of Helena, Ark., died on the 30th ult., after a serious illness at the residence of Mrs. Bettie Woods. Dec. 31st the Royal Literary Society produced a grand program. Among the special features was a debate between Mr. Howard and Prof. H. A. Wheeler, subject, "Resolved, That the Negro is Retrograding." The decision was rendered in faver of the negative—that he is not going backward in which case Mr. Howard was victorious. The Bluff City Cornet Band received an invitation to be at the residence of Conductor Brandon on the 31st ult Their attendance was highly appreciated. Watch meeting was largely attended. Frankie Johnson of Charleston, made a flying trip to this city on the 31st. The H. Alfrey Heading factory was totally destroyed by fire on the 3rd, leaving about 175 employees idle. Chas. Buliner seems lonely since Miss Julia Townsend's departure.

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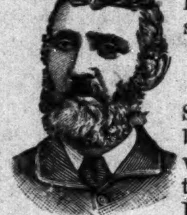

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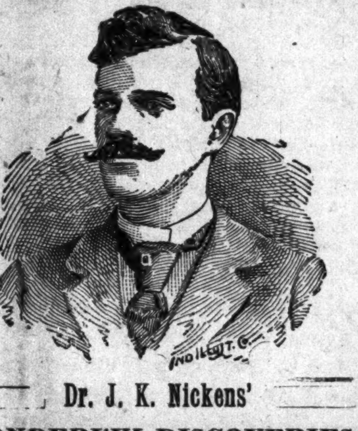

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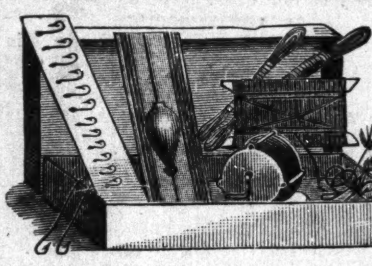

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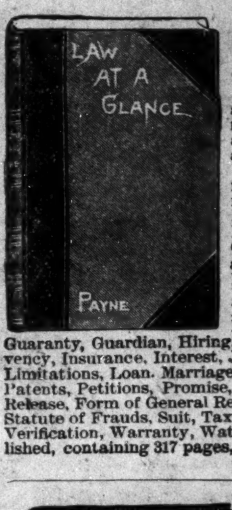

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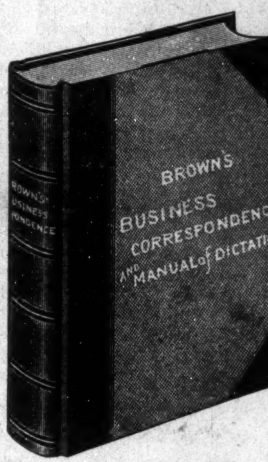

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OUTLINES OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY.

Never in the history of the christian church did the sacred truths of Divine revelation have to wrestle with so many insidious and ensnaring enemies as have been projected and embellished within the last one or two decades. Rationalistic interpretations of Biblical doctrines have been supplemented with false promises, corrupt but garnished philosophies and illogical conclusions have been reached and palmed off on the reading world by the glare of mere rhetoric, etc. These are a few of the thoughts by Bishop Turner in introducing the very interesting book, "Outlines of Christian Theology," by J. M. Conner, S. T. D., theological examiner of Payne Theological Seminary, president Hot Springs College, author of "Iron Wheel," "Classical Lore," etc. This work is dedicated to the bishops of the A. M. E. Church and its dignataries.

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FORGERY.

We glean from the Parsons Weekly Blade that some one has attempted to pronounce the Epworth Era article a forgery. The files, however, have been sprung and the case against it stands. It is true we have not seen the statement that it was pronouned a forgery, but evidence on hand indicates that there has been some squirming.

The North-Western Christian Advocate seems responsible for the suggestion that someone is crying forgery. This has been accomplished simply by the attempt at creation of sentiment. If all such monstrous calumniations were unceasingly denounced the atmosphere would become rarefied. The article put forth by the Era would heathenize sooner than evangelize. Personal pique, or splenetic diatribes simply fosters strife. Mr. Steele, if the article be his, is no safe pilot for any christian craft. Reformation is no part of his creed. He is steeped and dyed in his opinions, while he, in the future, may be vigilant in guarding his utterances they will rankle deep down and will be the means of defeating any future good. Mr. Steele should resign. He has made a clean bill of his views. True christianity with such a clog can have no fair play. From a christian stand point incalculable harm is done. The parting of the ways have been announced. The golden wedge is in the camp. It must out! Out, foul spot! Out!

THE FREEMAN'S WALLER FUND.

While Gomez is menacing Havana, England and America haggling over Venezuela, the Boers triumphing in Johannesburg, and Germany and England on the qui vive of war, let it be remembered that one John L. Waller, ex-Consul of these United States to the late Hova government of Madagascar is an alleged malefactor in a French prison.

THE FREEMAN has started a fund in his behalf. Guilty or guiltless he is a distinguised citizen of this commonwealth of States. If a criminal he is no common one. If he erred he erred on humanity's side. If he was prejudiced it was in favor of the under dog. Gray walls should be robbed of some of their terrors. If his life goes out it should go out amid the universal sympathy of the race. Contribute to this fund, not altogether for the external blessings delivered, but for the display of the charitable side of a sympathetic race. Subscribe to THE TREEMAN'S Waller Fund.

"THE COLORED POOR IN SEALSKIN CLOAKS."

The Chicago daily papers so report a banquet given by colored men of Chicago with money that had been given by a friendly white citizen for the relief of needy poor colored people of this city. Is it creditable to the colored people, for those who had been intrusted with the distribution of charitable funds, to spend the money to provide a sumptuous feast and dance for richly and gaily dressed colored people, where worthy but destitute colored people are forced to beg a pittance of passers-by on the streets to preserve life? The vein of sarcasm which was so manifest in the "writing up" of the affair, and which, from the facts given it seems to have deserved, makes it humilating to the race. Mark the contrast: "White citizens have been expending money liberally for such social enjoyments that funds might be raised to help our hospitals and other charities administer to the needy sick and suffering; colored citizens scruples not to use funds given to purchase food for hungry stomachs to gratify a strange love of social pleasure for those able to pay for such things. Such manifest lack of judgement as to the fitness of things will inevitably mark for the race a low grade in the estimation of all intelligent people.—The Baptist (Chicago, Ill.) Observer.

Can such be possible? What a seriocomedy! It is to be hoped that it is all a slanderous lie. If true comment would be stale, flat and unprofitable.

A COMMITTEE OF NINE.

A Committee of Nine has been appointed by the National Federation of Colored Men of the United States to attend the coming Republican convention at St. Louis. It will endeavor to secure a plank to the convention condemning lynching and other outrages perpertrated on the colored people.

It goes without saying that this movement will attract wide attention. There is no reason why the object of the committee should not be a complete success. There is no sympathy with lynching, even in the hot-bed of the evil, the better class are said to be against it. There is nothing to lose but a vast amount to be gained. It is in the line of sentiment creation. No law is half so strong as sentiment. The Republicans will have no elephant on their hands in the matter. In fact it will be in keeping with its old record—a party of good morals, political chastity, etc. The suggestion is excellent, the time for its advent propitious, and the possibility of success flattering. May the "nine" be instrumental of much good. Nine better men are not easily thought of.

FOR GOVERNOR.

The boom of Maj. Charles T. Doxey, of Anderson, has been formerly launched. Mr. Doxey is certainly making a good impression over the State and especially in the vicinity of his home. It is a little early to predict the end. There are about a dozen more candidates who are to be heard from, but they must do some tall hustling to "head off" Doxey.

THE REPUBLICAN, of Seattle, Wash., published a very meritorious number for its holiday edition.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON was very successful in his lecture in Boston; he secured about $3,000 for his school.

MOTHER.

In all the world—go where you will—
You'll never find another
Who'll stick to you through good or ill,
And love like—a mother.

In all the world—where e'er you roam—
With sister, wife or brother,
You'll never know so sweet a home
As that one made by—mother.

In all the world—though wealth commands
For you the work of others—
You'll never find a pair of hands
To toil for you like—mother's

In all the world although you should
In riches nearly smother—
You'll taste no cooking half so good
As that prepared by—mother

In all the world—though friends sincere.
And more to you than brothers,
You'll never for a moment hear
A voice so kind as—mother's

In all the world— although you break
The tender heart of other's
There is no heart can ever ache
For you as much as—mother's.

In all the world—though you create
A pleasure for another,
You can give none a joy so great
As you can give to—mother.

—Selected.

What is home without a mother?
What is life without a brother?
What is fortune unless you have kissed her.
And life without some other fellow's sister?

"Take away woman," shouted the orator, "and what would follow?" "We would," said a man at the back of the audience, promptly.

Lives of great men all remind us
That are lives are not subline;
The door to honor has closed behind us,
We are convicts doing time.

—Prison Mirror.

A HERO IN FLAMES.

Henry Jordan, a Negro desperado, wanted for murderously assaulting Dr. J. N. Cloud, of Newmansville, Fla., took refuge in an unoccupied house near Alachua January 13th. The Negro barricated the doors and swore he would kill the first man who attempted to enter. The posse poured in volley after volley, riddling the house with bullets, but not injuring Jordan, who returned the fire with his Winchester. Finally the posse resolved to set fire to the house, thinking the fire would drive the Negro out, when he would be easily captured. The torch was applied in several places and soon the house was enveloped in flames.

The Negro, however, made no effort to escape. He stationed himself in the center of the burning building and fired his Winchester in a vain effort to kill some of his pursuers. His rifle continued to crack until the roof fell in and he was burned to death. Jordan was known as a bad Negro, having killed, it was said, three men. He frequently boasted that no white man would ever capture him alive.—Exchange.

The red letter year is no go. Jordan's spirit should go marching on. There is some satisfaction in a death like this. Far better to die amid cracking timbers or falling rafters with a face toward the enemy, trying to deal out what the enemy dealt rather than meekly submitting to the indignities awaiting him. The Light Brigade and Jameson's Raid have been immortalized who will sing of Jordan facing scores of pale faced homicides with stocial fortitude until death came to his release. In Jordan's death the Negro, to some degree is lifted up. Christ on the cross gave up his life less freely. It is deplorable that his cherished hope was frustrated—the hope of having full escort to hell.

THE red letter year, 1896—no Negroes lynched.

THE DAILY CRUSADER is attending strictly to business.

TORCH LIGHT, of Providence, is sound on the lynching question.

GOV. BUSHNELL of Ohio is at the helm of that state now. Mr. McKinley has other business.

'THE lynchers have decided to kinder take a rest."—The Wide-Awake.

Do not speak too loud, you might set the infernal thing to going.

BY the way "Jameson's Ride," by Austin, the poet laureate of England, is not half so bad as many pretended. Anyone that could coin that ride into poetry is worthy of the honor conferred.

IT seems that the distinguished Dr. W. B. Derrick will be chosen as one of the new Bishops of the A. M. E. church The Doctor is highly capable and will wear the honor easy.

REV. T. W. HENDERSON, of Indianapolis, from all indications will land in the editorial chair of the Christian Recorder, of the A. M. E. church. If the Doctor wants it, he should have it.

PHILADELPHIA mourns the loss of a distinguished citizen in the death of Rober G. Still. Mr. Still was a newspaper man, being one of the very fews who every attempted a Sunday journal. He had been associated in other journalistic enterprises. He died at an age of extreme usefulness, be 31 years of age.

Below are the latest estimation of the last year's enrollment of the victims of Judge Lynch: Alabama 16, Arkansas 9, California 7, Colorado 7, Florida 12, Georgia 14, Illinois 2, Kansas 1, Kentucky 15, Louisiana 4, Maryland 3, Missouri 3, Mississippi 13, Nebraska 4, North Carolina 1, South Carolina 6, South Dakota 2, Tennessee 11, Texas 24, Virginia 3, Washington 2, New Mexico 1, Indian Territory 2, Oklahoma 9. Most of these are Negroes. Now here is a monument with an inscription a world wide, 171 people, mostly Negroes, fell because of the impotency of the arm of the law. We hope better things for 1896.

THE battle has been fought and won on Kentucky's soil. Bradley has been installed and the legislature is in session. The Blue Grass Era says:

"The House has elected its officers and a Negro was elected janitor and even in this he was bitterly fought in the caucus on the ground that a person in that position frequently handled the mail of the House and it was not desirable that a Negro should distribute white men's mail in a place of honor; and when the election came off in the House after the caucus had agreed to elect the Negro one Republican got up and left the House to keep from voting for the Negro."

We do things better than that in Indiana. No matter who wins the colored man is there in force.

AT the annual banquet of the Hamilton Club, in Brooklyn, January 11th, the guest were Mr. Robert B. Roosevelt, Prof. Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton College; Dr. H. B. Frissell and Mr. Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama. The Brooklyn Eagle, of January 12th, gives the following description of the effect of Mr. Washington's address:

"Mr. Washington's epigrammatic phrases and cuts on characteristics were greeted with roars of laughter by the diners. His speech was interrupted at many points by prolonged and enthusiastic applause and cries of: 'That is right,' 'good' and 'bravo' punctuated his remarks. At the close of his speech the ovation of the evening took place The banqueters became excited in their cheers and rose to their feet in applauding the speaker. Handkerchiefs were waved and cheer after cheer rang through the hall only to be renewed again."

ABOUT THE FREEMAN.

The Holiday number of The Freeman was a very creditable piece of journalism.—Wide-Awake.

The Indianapolis Freeman comes out in a beautiful twenty page holiday edition. It is filled with much appropriate matter and easily leads in a literary Christmas feast.—The Fort Worth, (Texas) Item.

The Christmas numbers of The Freeman and Planet were excellent. Indeed all religious and secular Negro papers put on a little extra "pomp" about Christmas.—The Christian Index.

The Indianapolis Freeman was up to its usual standard of excellence with its Christmas edition. The matter was admirably selected and the illustrations all that could be expected. Its editorial columns teemed with admirably written articles. Flippancy therein is at a discount.—The Richmond Planet.

Some of our exchanges have been telling their readers to watch their great (?) Christmas edition, and, with the exception of the Appeal and Freeman, the readers are still watching. The Freeman Christmas edition is the finest Afro-American edition that has ever been published, and the Appeal a close second. Old friends, Knox and Adams, we are proud of you.—The American Star.

The Indianapolis Freeman and Chicago Appeal, national Negro papers, as usual, presented their readers with an attractive holiday edition. The Appeal showed that it takes a little cash to run a paper by its large and artistic advertisements on its pages. The Freeman leads all race editions this year, not only in the make up of the paper but the number of pages it contained. Twenty pages of good reading matter embellished with appropriate illustration, are marks of progressive journalism which always strikes the public mind with decided favor. The Appeal and Freeman are splendid race papers and worthy the patronage of the race.—The Florida Sentinel.

The New York Age and The Indianapolis Freeman are booming a proposition to their subscribers to club their paper with an engraved copy of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation. This engraving is made by an Indianapolis firm, and fac similes have been sent to many race newspapers, with suggestions to do what our big leaders are doing. But we decline. The engraving is embellished with marginal figures representing Caucasian angels carrying black freedmen to heaven or some other congenial place. We do not see why the Negro imagination cannot be gratified, on paper at least, with black angels. The colored people have bought too many white angels already, in the way of embellishmets, and there are too many of them hanging in their parlors today. I hope they will discourage the industry by refusing to buy any more.—The Statesman-Exponent.

We have all heard that Brother Knox, publisher of the Indianapolis Freeman, while a shouter for race freedom and all that, conducts a barber shop "for whites only." This seeming inconsistency of action has often been commented upon by the brethren of the press. Perhaps the lambasting administrated is responsible for the following in the Indianapolis sheet last week:

"N. B. The Hawaiian, or anyone else with the price can be shaved at G. L. Knox's shop. It has been tried.—The Texas Freeman.

This is refreshing. We are glad to be informed that Brother Knox can not hereafter be accused of calling conventions to protest against race discriminations while doing a bit of discrimination himself. We take the above to specifically mean that "anyone else" includes members of the race who have tried and who will continue to try to be shaved at the magnificent "tonsorial parlors" owned and conducted by the hustling publisher of the "greatest."—New York Age.

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I received your letter, asking me to renew my subscription, and my dear sir I have not the money to do so. You know that I am in prison for a long time and all the money I get here I must earn myself. I have been unable to earn anything for the past six months, but will be able to make something when the contractors can run on full time which will be about March 1st. The Freeman is all the friend I have in the world, and if you will continue to send me the paper I will promice you faithfully to pay you by the first of May sure. Mr. Knox, if you only knew what pleasure The Freeman gives me in my lonely cell, I am sure you would trust me. Hoping you will not refuse to trust me, and thanking you for past favors, I remain yours faithfully,

HARRISON TASKER.

Wait Upon the Republican Convention.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The National Federation of colored men of the United States that was organized at Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12th, have appointed the following committee to go to St. Louis, Mo., at the Republican National Convention and urge upon the convention to incorporate a plank in their platform condemning the lynching and outrages upon the colored people. The following is the committee:

D. A. Straker, Detroit, Mich.; Prof. Richard T. Greener, New York City; John M. Langston, Washington, D. C; George L. Knox, Indianapolis, Ind.; E. H. Morris, Chicago; Rev. Dr. J. M. Townsend, Chicago; George W. Murray, South Carolina; Bishop B. W. Arnett, Ohio; John R. Lynch, Mississippi; N. W. Cuney, Galveston, Tex.; James M. Henderson, Detroit, Mich.; Albert W. Hill, Detroit, Mich.; William R. Morris, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. M. Johnson, Detroit, Mich.; Hale G. Parker, Chicago; T. Thomas Fortune, New York; Charles W. Anderson, New York; John Mitchell, Jr. Richmond, Va.; J. C. Dancy, North Carolina; John G. Jones, of Chicago, chairman of the executive committee, 191 Clark street.

Personal Mention—News Notes.

Claredon, Ark., Special.

Abe Jeffie who was sick only a short while died last Friday and was buried Saturday. The Sunday-school teachers' meeting at St. Andrews Chapel was quite an interesting one. The business of the meeting was the following election of officers: S O. Mullins, superintendent; H. C. Ellison, assistant superintendent; T. L. Sanders, secretary; A. Burrel, assistant secretary; teachers Miss Georgia T. Wright, A. Burrel, H. C. Ellison, and W. H. VanBuren, chorister, Miss G. T. Wright; librarian, Hallie Hall and Robert St. Clair. W. VanBuren, treasurer. The Sunday-school has been turned over to the young people this year.

Rev. Fields filled the pulpit at Berry's Chapel last Sunday and preached a very able sermon. Dr. Fanning of Holly Grove, was in the city Sunday. Mrs. T. D. Wilson and children were in the city visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Sanders is on the sick list at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Carruth has a very sick child Mr. and Mrs. Cassel's sick boy is able to be out. E. F. Berry is able to be at his place of business. Miss Ida Herron is on the sick list. Mrs. H. C. Roberts has a painting class at Surrounded Hill. J J. Walker is quite sick. Rev A. C. Johnson is asking assistance to finish the A. M. E. church.

Protective Association—Social.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The Barber's Protective Association will have their first annual reception at Evan's Hall Thursday evening Jan. 23rd, and a grand time is anticipated. Committee on reception E. E. Russell, S. L. Heggie and G. P. Scott. Committee on invitation Henry Morris, D. North and J. Jordon, Mrs. J. T. Broon is able to be out again. Miss C. M. Pugh continues in very poor health. Miss Mamie Williams of Macon, Ga., is in the city the guest of Miss Myrick. Prof. and Mrs. J. A. Henry on Grove street. S. L. Marchbanks and his brother Johnnie Rowan left the city last week, and have located in Saltville, Va. Rev. Trusty of the Presbyterian church closed his meeting Sunday night with a glorious success. Rev. M. Vann, pastor of the First Colored Baptist church, will hold the dedication services in the auditorum of the church about the last of this month. He deserves much credit for the rapid progress he has made. C. R Holmes is back from Atlanta. In a few weeks the Chattanooga news in The Freeman will be more interesting and we mean to make its circulation in this city larger than any other city. The Freeman is the only illustrated colored paper published and contains more news than any other paper. We cordially solicit your subscription not because it is a colored journal, but because it merits your patronage. We will deliver this popular journal at 15 cents per month. Please note that four weeks constitutes a month at the 15 cent rate.

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Normal Notes.

Normal, Ala., Special.

Our middle year examination was held on the 6th and 7th inst, shows that faithful work has been done on the part of the teachers and pupils. While the examination was rigid and complicated the students did not fail to made high marks. The Senior Normal class was led by W. P. Ervin of Columbia, Tenn., whose average was 99 per cent, but he was closely followed by G. W. Trenhohn of Calera, Ala. Misses Maggie L. Rice of Decatur, Leona Morgan of Uniontown, Daisy Searcy of Macon, Ga., and Miss Lucy E. Slatter of Winchester, Tenn., made an average of 98, the next highest mark was Miss Awilda Taylor of Montgomery, Ala., whose average was 97. The whole class made an average of 95. The middle year Normal was led by Miss Lorette Brownlow of Mobile, whose average was 97. She was followed by Sarah Adam of Sheffield, Ala., and Messrs. J. E. Miller of Winchester, Jno. Bishop of Fayetteville, Tenn., these averaged above 94. The Junior Normal class was led by J. H. McConico of Liveringston, Ala., and was followed by Miss Cora L. Eggleston of Tuscumbia, the former's average was 95, the latter's was 93. All of the classes made good marks. Things are moving on nicely in this institution. Everything is in perfect trim The health of both teachers and students is exceedingly good.

Pertinent Paragraphs.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

On the 19th inst, the memorial services of the late Bishop Wayman, D.D. will be held at the A. M. E church by Rev. James Turner. Mr. James Jett who has been on a visit to friends and relatives, left for Halafax, Canada, on the 9th inst. A round of pleasant calls and a start to the homes of George Davis by his daughter, Miss Maggie, Miss L. A. Sandies, Prof. R. P. Purdy and W. H. Gosling. James Gilliland will soon begin work on his new house. Ed. Burnes will make his future home in Evansville, Ind. Miss Georgia Williams is teaching in the high school of Evansville. The speeches made by Messrs. J. C. McAdams, James Edmanson, R. G. Dannal and W. H. Gosling at the opening of the Turner College were very good. The lady teachers, Mrs. B. A. J. Nixon the highest grade, Mrs. J.C. McAdams the next, Miss Ellen Mitchell, the primer grade, N. B. Martin of Longview, others are coming in. Prof. R. Whitesides is having a very nice stone fence built. A. Smith and Allen Rose went to Petersburg recently. Dr. V. D. Turner and W. H. Gosling took a drive to the beautiful home of Lee Trail, where they had quite a pleasant time with madames Burns, Reecock and Miss Beatrice. At a late hour an elegant supper was served. This good paper, The Freeman, just one dollar a year, what a chance for knowledge. Let all take the best paper in the country.

Movements in Society.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

Shed Martin has moved near Wartrace. Alfred O'Neal our young preacher is quite ill with the pneumonia. Thomas Martin who married recently has moved to Petersburg. Mrs. Grant Bomar is on the sick list. James A. Stokes who has been spending a few days in Nashville has returned. H. R. Bomar and wife of California are visiting their relatives and friends. Mrs. Caroline Holbert is on the sick list. Jesse O'Neal has bought a two horse wagon and team. The officers and teachers of Sunday school are the same. Mrs. Harriet Norvell who is the Queen of Queen Esther's Court is quite busy.

The world famous book, "Samantha at Saratoga," free to any one sending two yearly subscribers at $1.00 each.

BISHOP LEE AND THE PRESS

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is able to do what the church organ cannot do. Some months ago Bishop Lee said certain things to Editor Johnson; this inspired Dr. Johnson to write a certain editorial. A storm arose. Parties who had lent several thousand dollars to the business manager demanded that Johnson be made to retract. Johnson was determined to be manly and refused to retract but wrote an editorial explaining his meaning and deny improper constructions which had been placed on his words. Then it was heralded everywhere that "Johnson had to eat his words." This misrepsentation of his editorial was so glaring and bold that I called attention to it. Then came a different line of attack. Johnson's re-election was threatened and conferences were held to denounce him. This was a most cunning and powerful weapon and apparently Johnson came down. The shame was not so much on him for saving his neck by yielding as it was upon those who forced him to do it. What he had said was never denied and could not be. It was not this untruthfulness, but his bold utterance of the truth which was punished. Bishop Tanner, while editor, had a like experience in which Dr. Embry played no small part. Bishop Tanner survived and has won the victory. Dr. Johnson will likewise win if he be as consistent and brave as was Bishop Tanner. He has learned that "no editor of a church organ should openly criticise his church; he is placed there to defend it. If authorities ignore law, it is not the busines of the church editor to tell it to the world. We simply won't have it and that settles the matter."

Others had to learn the same lesson. Johnson will never offend in that way any more. The church organ has been emasculated, it will not again assume to be a moral force or to direct opinion. it is simply a mouth piece, a medium of communication. It has no function as a journal which we will recognize. It must not assume to advise us, we won't have it. If any preacher thinks a thought that don't suit the rest of us, he must not be permitted to have admission to our church paper. If the editor dares to let him in, we will get a Kershaw to accuse the editor of some kind of a job. There is nothing more dreadful than Kershaw and his syntax. Take Kershaw and a column of his syntax and you can whip any man now living—we sent him after Johnson and Henderson and he now dances among the daisies that grow over their graves. The white people have papers by the thousands, magazines by the hundreds. They freely express their opinions about everything. No man denies their right to do so. We have a few papers but if they dare to unveil a prophet they are denounced. Bah! we are not slaves or puppets. Any man who is too good to be touched is too good to live. We don't intend to keep our institutions and men in cells and shut them out from the vulgar gaze, but we will put what we have got on the hill-top and let the world see see us as we are. The grand old A. M. E. church can throw open her gates and without fear can let the lynx-eyed world walk through from cellar to garret.

They may see some suspicious heaps of dust in dark corners, they may see some shabby furniture and some rooms that are not any too tidy but they will find no dishonor, no lack, no honest desire to do wrong. We are behind in methods, we are behind in our views, we are not up to the times, but the old A.M. E.church is honest to the core and stands upon her great rock bed of Negro manhood, as solid as a granite mountain. The broom and the dustpan cannot harm her foundations nor injure her granite walls. All of this hue and cry against the press is nonsense. If unworthy individuals have hidden behind some of the great pillars of our building or are getting into improper places by other means than the door and the stairway of merit, let us pull up the blinds and let the light shine in so we can see them. If we find and put out an intruder it won't hurt our building. Bishop Lee and all the rest of us could die to-morrow and the old ship would sail on as steadily as ever. No one of us can absorb any other person's responsibility or keep any other man's conscience. Let the great and mighty men go the course God points to them and let the humble man walk erect along the bye path that is set before him. If some men are so much needed they are put on high without an effort and without being under obligations to anybody, there are others who, like David, have been sought out by a prophet and succored and helped by a Jonathan.

It is a subline spectacle to contemplate one man who owes nothing to anybody, who sits a aloft in air, far above the "slush" that flows from the mouths of the multitude of ordinary mortals. He wares his sceptre and invokes unseen forces to destroy the rights in the wicked secular press. "Unseen forces," "silent forces" that transport men to the woods, that bring the wolf of poverty howling at the door, that causes the thin faces of starving children and the sad faces of a patient wife to rob a man of his courage and bring him a cringing supplicant at the feet of a Lordly Bishop. "Unseen forces" that have brought to stuffed pockets many a bag of dollars from an impoverished conference, while poor preachers slipped behind the church to cry in silence because they had not a penny with which to get home.

"Unseen forces" that drive and torture, that extort and destroy. "deadly forces" before which saintly men like poor J. H. A. Johnson have withered and piteously died. "Unholy forces" that place garments upon adulterers and send them forth to destroy. That seduce innocent girls and parade them as "secretaries," that devastate and rack and ruin like a flighting simoom.. "Unholy forces" that leave the fatherless child and the betrayed and deserted girl—mother to battle with a cruel world while the bolder and sturdier man fights his way to the dazzling heights of limitless power and glory. But the "great day of the Lord" will come like a thief in the night. Ten thousand voices now hushed in the grave by "Unseen forces," and thousands of weak lips that now are drawn close by hunger will break forth in accusation, when he who shall judge the earth in righteousness doth appear.

Does anybody think that the Negro Press will bow and smirk because some man stamps the ground with his foot? Does anybody think that men who mean well and believe they are right will whine like curs or run like children because the whip is shaken over them and they are called names? Have I ever lifted my voice or my pen against a weak and helpless brother? Have not I always taken the side of those who are the victims? Have I ever said anything against any man that was not true? If I have dared to say some unpleasant things and brave the storms of invectives that followed, did not the light of a coming day show that there was reason for speech? I ask for no office, I seek no honors, I will go to the woods where during years of suffering I learned to be a common man, and to value my common brother, I will bear any fortune that I cannot avert, but I will not step one inch out of the path that God has marked out for me. I sat at the feet of Payne and Brown and learned to see that only those lives are noble that are devoted to principle. I battled with cold and hunger, poverty and hardships in the missions among the pine forests with white and Cabbel and Bohannon and scores of other noble, self-sacrificing men who uncomplainingly laid down their all to serve their church No change of fortune has made me forget the terrible hardships that surround the silent humble men who stand at the foot of the ladder. I am nothing in the church, any Bishop could take from me in a day, that which it has cost me years of hard work to attain. but stripped of all that I owe to the church I would not be naked for the work of the ministry in our grand old church has made me a man. Beneath what little good fortune I have been given, beneath what little of honor and prosperity I wear, there is that which is priceless and that cannot be destroyed—a determined purpose to do right. Like hundreds of my brother preachers who will read this, and who today are pushed out of sight while ten worthy men ride in triumph, like these humble but true men, I am willing for the "Unseen forces" to fall upon me and strip me as clean as a Bowery 'thug' strips a belated Jersey man.but "Unseen forces must stop when they have done that. They can only take the apparel, they cannot harm the man.

I know that it is an unequal battle, but if Bishop Lee has set out to hush my voice and to break my pen, he will have to make another call on his "unseen forces". I respect Bishop Lee, he is an honest man, he verily believes that he is doing God's service when he attacks the secular press and the rights thereto. He means right, so did Cotton Mather. If Bishop Lee can't stop Bishop Turner and if Bishop Turner has got a right to say what he thinks, so have the the rest of us, our responsibility rests in trying to think correctly.

A man does not need to have the authority and life long and safe place of a Bishop in order to be a true man. The poor preacher whose bread can be snatched from his hand in an instant by "unseen forces" may still be a man and act the man even if he goes hungry. Nobody can hurt a Bishop, anybody can kill off an elder, but the press is the shield and buckler, it at least can voice the ride of justice. The A. M. E. church is not under any single robe nor or its sentiments in any one man's hand. There are thousands whose names are never mentioned, whose humble existance is never acknowledged, but who upon their patient shoulders bear the burdens. The secular press speaks for the voiceless thousands, the Recorder is for the potentials.

JOHN M. HENDERSON, M. D.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Tuscumbia News—Personals.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Miss Julia Finley who was called to Cherokee to take charge of the school at that place. Miss Julia is a promising young lady and and will do much good at Cherokee. Miss Mary Ridley left for Normal last week. E. D. Mayo has special attraction on Baptist hill. Miss Loula Thompson of Cherokee and litte Georgia Ricks, of Spring Valley, have entered our city school. At the meeting of the Sunday school Board the following officers were elected: Superintendent, W. T. Breeding; assistant superintendent, Miss A. M. Finley; teachers, Misses Janie Towns, Mary Ross, Effie Goodloe, Mrs. Jennie Reynold and Rev. A. A. Sensabough, Miss Lyda Brown, secretary; Miss Emma E. James, librarian; Misses Rosie Wilson and Julia Towns missionary; Ross Brown, treasurer. Mr. D. W. Austin was called to Frias' Point, Miss., to the bedside of his brother who is very ill. Robert Killensworth is very ill. Miss Julia Merredith has a fine new piano. Miss Sensabough has arrived in the city. Misses Madora Lonsell and Thomas Ella Abernathy, three promising young ladies of Leighton, have entered the city school. Miss Annie Finley entertained a number of her friends at a birthday dinner last Wednesday Among them were Mr. and Mrs. William Finley, Mr. and Mrs. Geo Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Bettie Bently and a number of others. J. W. James is on the road again. Subscribers please don't forget to settle for The Freeman as you get it, if possible.

Political and Social Notes.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Mrs. M. J. Jackson has returned from Atlanta, Ga. Chancellor Morris is spending a few days at home. Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Nautz a 7½ pound girl. Quite a number of young men formed a party and made a flying trip to Shelbyville to visit Miss Mamie Stone and attend the grand social given by Misses Lawson and Stone. A good time is reported. A large audience assembled at the Twelfth Street A. M. E. Zion church Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Louisa Miller. Mrs. Miller was one of the oldest members of the church and an influential member of three large societies. Rev. Seymour was out of the city and Rev. Johnson conducted the funeral. Mrs. Sarah H. Hamilton, of Chicago, was here a few days to attend her sister's funeral.

Since Saturday we have had for once a Republican Mayor governing our local affairs. We have things now our way. Since the general council is Republican and the Mayor a Republican, we hope much good will be the result We regret that the Republican caucus of the General Assembly has met, elected their officers, etc., and but one represents the 65,000 colored voters of Kentucky, while on the other hand the Democratic caucus has six. How is this? There are quite a number of prominent vacancies yet to be filled. Quite a swell affair was given Friday evening at Ninth and Magazine street in honor of one of Lexington's belles, under the auspices of a few of our popular beaus. The occasion was superb in every detail. Louisville society (?) was represented in full. The belle attracted no little attention. Each young man thought himself the best. Rivalry began her existence, and in order to appear different, the ordinary flasks became prominent. To say the least, it seemed to be the fad. As a result, the ladies' pleasure was brought to a halt. We feel that it is time for the young man to be true to himself and humanity. Be careful, our eyes are on you.

If you are sick, nothing renovates and invigorates like Dr. Kay's Renovator. See advt.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Literary Societies Elect Officers—Royally Entertained—Personals.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The Harrison Street Literary has elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: A. L. Coleman, president, C. W. Racel, vice-president; Miss Susie Williams, secretary; Miss Susie Wilson, assistant secretary; Miss Annie Davis, treasurer; budget editors, Mrs. Wm. Harris; critic, C. P. McDuffey and S. A. L Favus. The society will be known in the future as the Phillis Wheatly Literary. Among our most prominent business men of this city is Messrs. Rawlings and Harding, who run a first-class restaurant, on Central avenue near Fifth. G. Bullett is sick. S. Clark is reported very sick. Miss Gertrude Hart, of West Court street is improving.

WALNUT HILL NEWS.

Thos McCracken has returned home. The Crescent Literary and Social club held its regular monthly meeting at the residence of Wm. Smith. Officers elected for the ensuing three months were: Miss Blanche Elder, president; Ed. Washington, vice-president; Wm. Smith, secretary; Miss Annie Elder, assistant secretary; Albert Smith, treasurer; George Austin, critic. Master Harry Armstrong is speedily recovering. His parents will soon leave for Columbus, where they locate their new home. The citizens of M street congratulate Officer Harry Jones for his success on the police force, and feel confident that he will do credit to the force as well as himself. Friday evening, Jan. 10th, Mrs. Thomas Frey entertained her many friends at her residence on Washington avenue, Walnut Hill, with a luncheon. Among those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell, Mrs. Althea Brown, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Lizzie Branch, Mrs. Lizzie Valentine, Mrs. Sarah Taylor, Mrs. Alice Williams, Messrs. Dennis Frey, John Holmes, Chas. Hogan, Jr., Howard Simpson and Frank A. B. Hall. Friday evening, Jan. 17th, Mrs. Lizzie Branch entertained her friends with a luncheon. Mrs. Annie E. Brown, the lady evangelist, is assisting Rev. Payne with his revival service at the Mt. Zion M. E. church. They have many mourners, three of whom have been converted. The many friends of Mrs. Wm. Bush will be pained to hear of her severe illness. Mrs. Bush had been complaining of rheumatism and lately was confined to her bed, but she recovered and was doing well. A few days ago she received a stroke of paralysis and now is in a dangerous condition Her son William will not resume his studies at Wilberforce until her condition is bettered somewhat. Elder J. Artope's many friends were shocked to hear of his sudden death. At a near date a mass meeting at some of our churches will be called and a neat sum will be collected and tendered the bereaved widow.

Personal Mention.

Baltimore, Md., Special.

Miss Marcelena Ash has recovered from her recent illness. Miss Bertha Ash has returned from Chicago where she spent the holidays. Misses Susie and Sophia Cooper went to Washington on business M.McCanlia Dorsey has gone Philadelphia. Miss M. Moore of N. Y. is the guest of her sister while in town. Wm. Gray will soon wed Miss Jacob Astor of Maine. Miss G. Brian as a pianoist, is making herself famous. James Lomax of this city, has returned home from California, and will soon open a place of business. John Briscoe, the lawyer and pension attorney, will soon leave for San Fransisco on business. John Cairgill has a cane worth $5.00 weighing two and one half pounds presented to him for fancy skating. John W. Woodhouse, the youngest applicant on roll, will soon receive an appointment which pays $1500 a year. This position has never before been filled by a colored man.

Prominent Men Attend.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

This city was honored with the presence of a number of Afro-American of National repute, in the persons of Ex-United States Minister to Hayti, Congressman John M. Langston, Hon. James Hill, Ex-Senator of the state of Mississippi; Hon. Isaiah T. Montgomery, of Mississippi; Judge M. W. Gibbs, and Prof J. E. Knox, of Kansas. January 1st was celebrated here by our people in honor of the Emancipation Proclamation. Avery Chapel was crowded both day and night with people from far and near. The meeting was called to order by Prof. J. N. Ruffin, chairman of the committee on Emancipation day; prayer by Rev. J. N. Abby; song, "Hold the Fort," by the Grand Army Post and the congregation. Then followed speeches by Hon. T. F. Oaslel, Rev. T. J. Sercy, Rev. N. N. Maclin, Prof. John N. Ruffin, of this city. Next was a song by the Ladies' Relief Choral attachment to the Douglass Grand Army Post, No. 86, "John Brown's Body," followed with speeches by Hon. Montgomery, Hill, Knox and Langston. Resolutions were passed appointing J. N. Ruffin, I. T. Montgomery, James Hill and Judge Gibbs a committee on Rules and Correspondence for making Jan. 1, '97, a general or National celebration. Wm. Russell left for Clarksdale last week. Solomon Taylor was buried on the 6th by Eureka Lodge, F. and A. M. Rev. J. N. Abby and Dr. C. A. Ferrell have been on the sick list. Mrs. W. A. Lewis and child were quite sick last week. Ben Duke is convalescent. Mrs. Fannie Duke left on the 4th for her home in King Fisher, Ok. Miss R. Hicks, the cashier at Smith's cafe, has been ill. Miss Addie Coaker has returned from teaching at Hickory Wythe. Miss Mamie Walker, of Beale street, entertained quite a number of young ladies and gents on the 9th. Miss Lottie Dickenson left on the 12th for Atlanta, Ga., to make that city her home. Rev. Lee Mitchell left last week for his work at Clarksville. Judge Clark overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of L. W. Humes, for defrauding pensioners out of their pensions, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary and $500 fine. Avery Chapel A. M. E. church had its grand rally last Sunday night and raised about seven hundred dollars. Club No. 1, of which Mrs. Harriet Cage is president, brought about $380. The church is nearing completion under the management of Rev. Dr. Abby.

"Island City Quartette"—Personals.

Galveston, Tex., Special.

The latest is "The Island City Quartette Society," an organization of thrifty young men who will furnish the public with classical quartets in the near future. The society is composed of the following named gentlemen: W. P. Anderson, president; J. W. Wesley, treasurer; R. C. Lyons, secretary; Jno. Ridley, P. W. Lemons, J. W. Wesley, Morgan Montgomery, first tenors; W. J. Mason, W. P. Anderson, second tenors; Henry Jones, Steven Sims, Samuel Browning, first bass; Clinton Wallace, Leslie Perkins, Link Hightower, R. C. Lyons, second bass Mrs. A. Hayes of Navasota returned home this week, after having spent several weeks in the city the guest of Mrs. R. Carter. Mrs. Fannie Dykes is on the sick list. Mrs. W. Scott of this city is spending two months in San Antonia, visiting friends. Mrs. J. H. Smith, Misses Minnie Smith and Hannah McNeir returned this week from Marshall, where they were called during the holidays to attend the funeral services of the sister of Mrs. Smith. Rev. J. H. Hall, is having much success with the revival at Thirtieth street and Avenue I. Baptist church. "The Island City Quartette Society" will soon move into their new quarters. Call at Wesley & Finch's No. 2611 Avenue L and get a sample copy of The Freeman. Miss Celia C. Stewart returned last Sunday from Shreveport, La., where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

Wedding Celebration.

Peoria, Ill., Special.

New Year's day was observed by the congregation of Mt.Zion Baptist church Open doors by the ladies with free lunch to the gentlemen and a successful entertainment at night and fair combined. The ladies deserve much praise for their noble work. Mrs. L. Dannis of Chicago, arrived in the city the 6th to attend the marriage ceremony of her sister and brother-in-law, the occasion being the 10th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Gibson. F. L. Moody was in the city Saturday on the way home to Eureka. Quite a brilliant society event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gibson. A number of friends gathered in their elegant home to witness their tenth marriage anniversary. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Woods. The evening was spent in toast selections by different ones Baker DePugh toast master. Those present were as follows: Welcome address, B. DePugh; the guests, D. F. Smith; selection, H. Tisdull; instrumental solo, E. Allen; solo, A. Eaton; post, L. Page; hostess, H. Johnson; ladies, A. M. Conway; paper, "Is Marriage a Failure," Mrs. L. Davis; bass solo, B. DePugh; "Two Friends," L. Roberts; the closing by H. Gibson.

Publishing Company Organized.

Cedartown, Ga., Special.

The Emancipation Proclamation was celebrated here in Polk county. It is painful to note the absence of our school teachers and many of our ministers. The program was as follows: Essay, L L. Gleen, "Education;" Mrs. J. R. Simms, "How Times have Changed;" Mrs. S M. McClain, read the proclamation address; speeches were made by the following: B. W. Leo Samuel, an old veteran, Rev. W. J. White, H. P. Jones, A. S. Thurman, P. G. Simmons. Officers were elected for 1896. The meeting then adjourned. The Watchman Publishing company organized and the Watchman is on a solid foundation now for '96, Rev. G. P. Simmons is editor-in-chief, Rev. W. J. White associate editor, Rev. J. E. McCain, manager; A. S. Thurman, secretary; Rev. R M. Cheeks, P. E. of Rome District held his first quarter on the 5th Sunday. The North Georgia Conference meets here in November. The last issue of The Freeman is the best that has come to our sanctum for quite awhile, long may it live.

Write at Once.

I sell all kinds of medicine and jewelry. Agents wanted to sell on commission. Must send one-fourth as a guarantee of express charges. Write immediately. MRS. E. PARRY,
Conway, Ark. Jan. 18 4t.

Church News Notes.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

The revival meeting is going on at the A. M. E. church. The meeting is progressing nicely under the leadership of Rev. L. Pettiford. Mrs. L. Pettiford and daughter were in the city last week. Mrs. Pettiford accepted the position as chorister of the Sunday-school. Sunday-school is progressing nicely. It is said that Mrs. Maggie Brooks is one of the best Sunday-school teachers in the state. Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Windslow a son. Mrs Kate Turner, the popular hair dresser, is doing a good business. Mrs. Mattie Dugged who is working for Mrs. Turner is off on a vacation. Mrs Jane Garson has accepted a position at Johnnie Parkers. Miss Lilly Pettiford has entered the high school She passed the examination with others and was at the head of her class. The Freeman is the best Negro papers then i country.

Christmas at Ft. Robinson.

Ft. Robinson, Neb., Special.

The Christmas holidays and festivities were enjoyed by all. The presents given to each child reminded us of the kindly disposition of the noble-hearted men and women of the garrison. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated by Misses Lula De Murguando, Daisy Swift, and Stella Dimmick. The presents were marked by Mrs. Capt. Garrard and Mrs. Chaplain Prioleau. The noted band of the 9th Cavalry under the management of Prof. Carl Gungl rendered the "Star Spangled Banner," Mrs. Garrard acting as mistress of ceremonies; prayer by Chaplaid Prioleau; music by orchestra; address by chaplain. Dr. Tempany having been detailed by this friend of the children made their hearts glad by giving each (eighty-nine in all) a sack of fine candy and fruit. It was said to be one of the best entertainments of its kind ever given at the post. Chaplain Prioleau had the annual examination for teachers of the enlisted men. John Ogelsby, Theodore Brinson and Alex. H. Adams were examined The result was as follows: Oglesby, 80.8 per cent, Brinson, 86, Adams 70. The first to receive promotion among the Xenians at Ft. Robinson is John Guy who is now Troop Farrier, on extra pay. Nearly all of the boys attend religious services regularly. Chaplain Prioleau was detailed on the 8th as post treasurer.

Well Pleased.

ELKHART CITY, ILL., JAN. 2, '96.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find $1.00 for The Freeman—another year's subscription. This is a great paper. "My Life as I Remember It," is good, and also the stories. Thanking you for past favors, I as ever remain,

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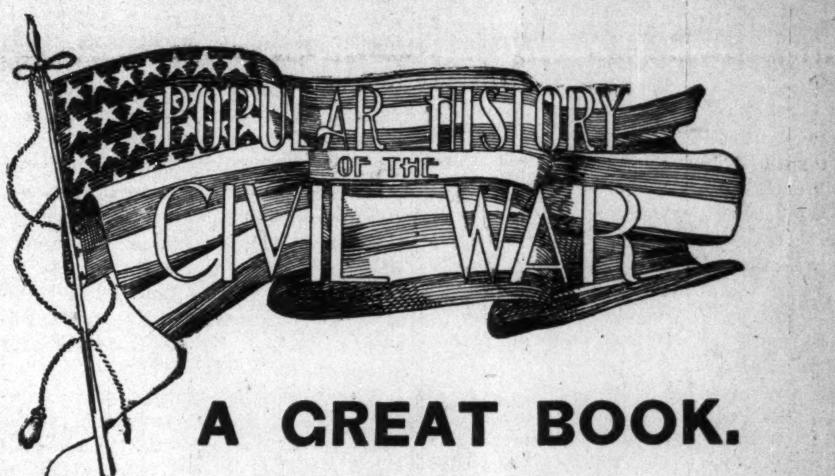

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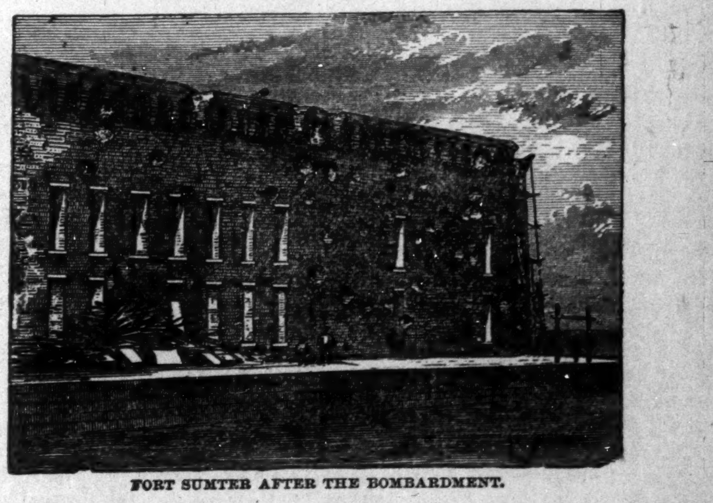

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There are six colored men employed at the penitentiary at Lansing, Kans.

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Dr. L. M. Luke, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission is dead.

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In the Virginia legislature Senator Flanagan has introduced a bill to prevent lynching.

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It is reported that the color line will be abolished in the L. A. W. at the next annual meeting.

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Hon. John R. Lynch was recently admitted at Washington to practice before the bar of the Supreme Court.

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The colored people of the United States maintain seven colleges, seventeen academies and fifty high schools.

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A bill to prevent lynching in the state of Georgia passed the Senate recently, after which the legislature adjourned.

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The Alabama Mutual Aid Association was organized in 1894 by fifty-two ministers and has been chartered under the laws of Alabama.

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Vicksburg, Miss., has a colored drug store on Washington street with an educated colored pharmacist behind the counter.

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Lew Johnson's Plantation Minstrel late of California with an electric brass band and orchestra are meeting with success this season in the West.

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The Frederick Douglass memorial exercises at Bethel A. M. E. church during the Womans' Congress in Atlanta were attended by many hundred people.

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Wm. W. Ward, colored, is assistant county attorney of Cook county, Ill. He is a graduate from the law department of Howard University, Washington, D. C.

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The Negroes of Georgia in 1880 returned $5,764,293 worth of property for taxation. This year the amount returned is $12,941,230. In other respects they are doing well.

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Lawyer C. J. Jones of Greenville, Miss., met with a hearty welcome in Washington. He spoke before Bethel Literary Association and at several other places.

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Interesting papers by Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Mrs. Fannie Barrier-Williams and Mrs. Victoria Earle-Matthews commanded the closest attention at the closing of the Womans' Congress at the Atlanta Exposition.

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A first-class institution for teaching the deaf, dumb and blind among the colored people was established in Oct. 1887 at Austin, Tex. It is the only institution of the kind in the world. Hon. W. H. Holland is superintendent and Prof. H. B. Fry is principal. Good work is being done.

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The colored people of Providence have decided to inaugurate a national movement to erect a monument in memory of John Brown at Harper's Ferry. A meeting was held Dec. 21st to celebrate the thirty-sixth anniversary of John Brown's death. Steps will be taken to have the colored people of other states co-operate.

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Mrs. Ellen Cary of Brooklyn, N Y., who some time ago sued the E. T. Va. & Ga. R. R. for compelling her to get out of the 'Ladies" car into a "Jim Crow" car at some point in Tennessee on a recent trip from Brooklyn to Knoxville, was awarded $500 damages and costs last week in a Brooklyn court.

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About two miles from Holly Springs, Miss., there resides Nancy Garrison a colored woman forty-eight years old. In 1878 she was taken ill with yellow fever and lay ill several months, after which her hair that had hitherto been but three inches long began to grow and is now eleven feet long. After it had grown quite long it began to turn white and is now perfectly white.

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Senator Hoar of Massachusetts presented the memorial of six clubs of colored men in Massachusetts for legislation to prevent the lynching of colored people in the South or, in case Congress has not the power to enact such legislation for a constitutional amendment to meet the difficulty. It is now referred to the judiciary committee.

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New Year's day found a large number of us by special invitation at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Provo four miles south of town. This gentleman owns large and valuable property. He has a large number of fine hogs, one weighing over 600 pounds. Many friends gathered for the purpose of celebrating Mr. Provo's sixtieth birthday. He is as strong mentally and physically as anyone half his years. Everybody enjoyed the fine birthday dinner. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Johnson, Mrs. Frank Fuller, Mr. Townsend, Sam Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Burl Evans and wife, Mrs. Darlton, Mrs. Susan Fuller, Emmett Johnson and many others. The white citizens of Cameron are affable and kindly disposed toward the Afro-Americans as far as I have been able to observe. This is indicated to a great extent by some of the leading citizens in their appreciable treatment of Prof. Grant S. Neal, The Freeman representative, as of the eighty or ninety subscribers obtained here twenty-three or more were white. It is a source of great pleasure to know that the greatest Negro national journal edited is to be a constant visitor to the homes of some of the leading families of our white citizens. Prof. Neal by his push, energy, gentlemanly bearing, refinement and intellectual attainment, has won a place both for The Freeman and himself in the hearts of our citizens. It appears almost incredible that Prof. Neal has obtained 1,300 cash subscribers for The Freeman within the last five months. The Freeman is to be one of the magnificent exponents and representatives of the Republican party during the campaign of '96 that will lift McKinley, Reed, Morton, Allison, or Harrison into power.

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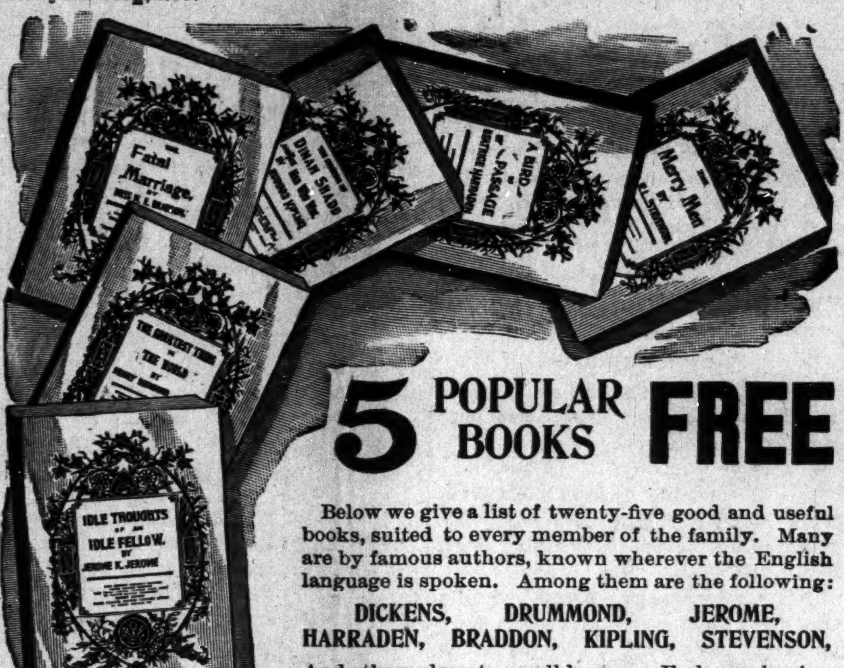
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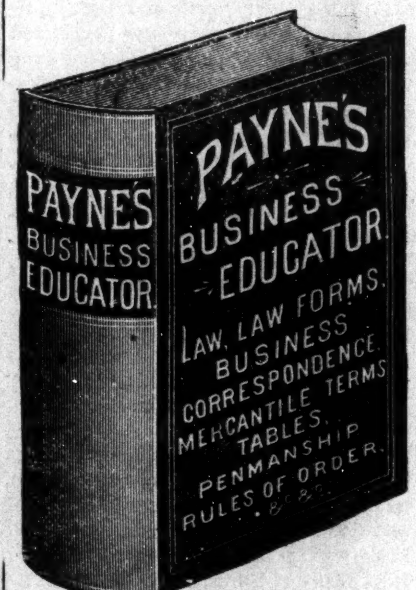
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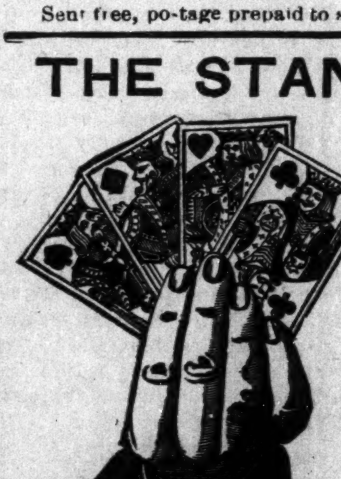

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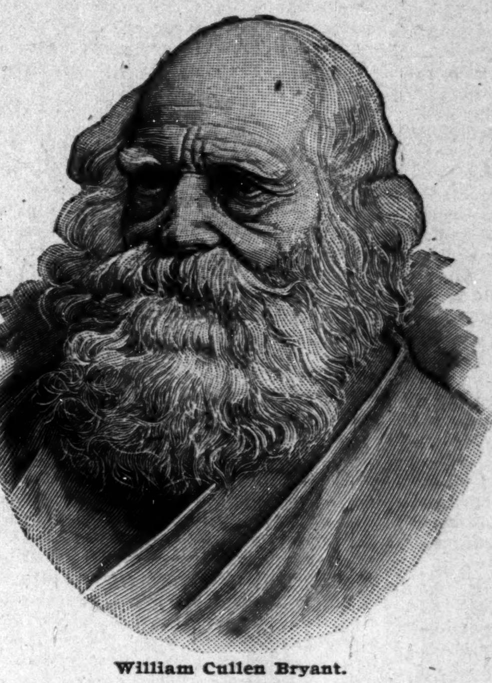

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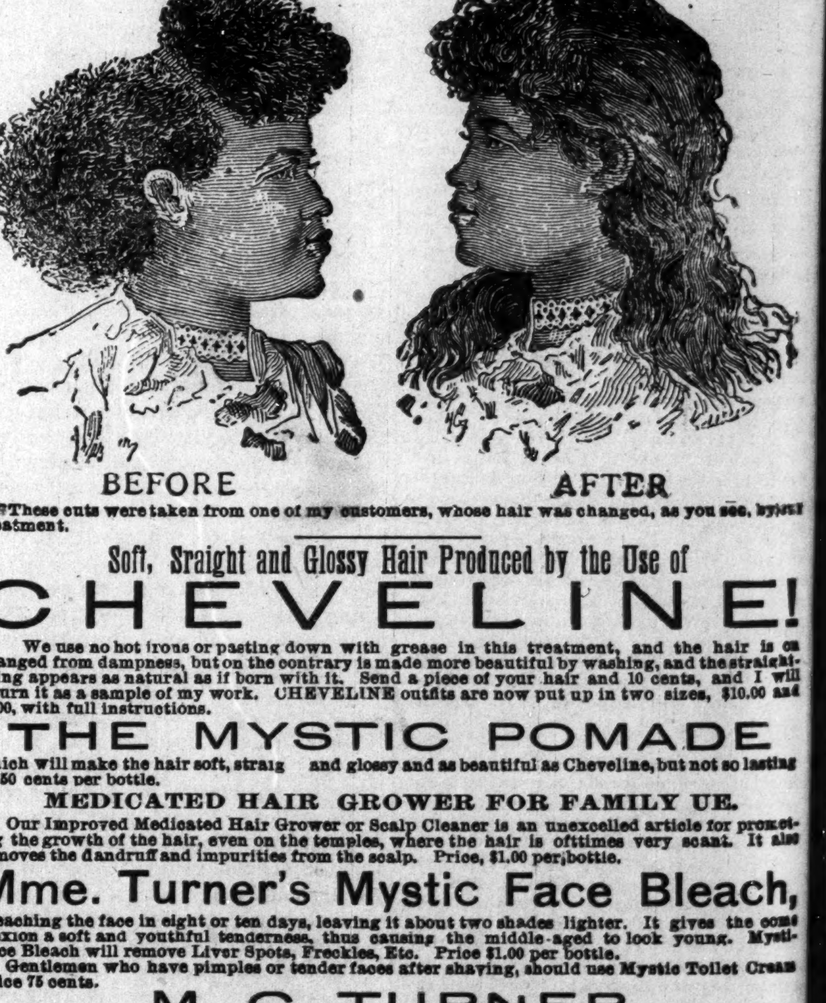

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By Reuben Ray—Not Expected From This Level-headed Peer—Negroes in the Event of a War Will Rally to the Front.

I read the article by Rev. C. A. A. Taylor in the last issue of The Freeman, with no little pain. I was very sorry to see this rather rash break made by this heretofore level-headed gentleman He has written well but not wisely. Mr. Taylor says:

"There are American Negroes, willing and intelligent who know and will do their duty in an hour of opportunity, while English statesmen and military strategist are not asleep to the fact that an interior uprising or internal disturbance in the United States would engage the attention of our national guard while our despicable navy manned by foreign seamen could not prevent the destructive bombardment of our defenseless coast."

Now if the gentleman means to intimate in the remotest degree that there is slightest posibility of the Negroes of the United States doing a disloyal act against our government, he does not understand the Negro—and he is vastly mistaken. In the event of a war with any foreign power the Negroes of the United States would rally around the stars and stripes with loyal and brave hearts to die, if need be, in the defense of our common country. There could not be found truer hearts than those throbbing under black skins. In eminent peril to our government and its institutions, the Negro will ever be found in future as in the past, a loyal, fearless, defender. Treachery is not a characteristic of the sons of Ham, The Negro has never proved recreant to duty, ungrateful for kindness, nor unfaithful to a trust. No living being has a keener sense of honor than the Negro, and no man living takes more pride in honoring "Old Glory" than he does. In every war in which our country has been engaged, on every battlfield the Negro has written his name, for loyality and courage, in blood across the blue heavens above, and does Mr. Taylor think that the Negro now will tarnish that glorious record by any such treacherous and murderous "internal disturbance" as he has suggested? Great God forbid it. True, as Mr. Taylor states, the Negro is denied a trial by his peers, suffers long imprisonment for minor offenses, is mobbed, flayed, burned, shot in the most brutal manner. But all that would not justify such an interior unprising as Mr. Taylor intimates. The Negro just can't do such a thing. He is not made that way. Was he not tested thirty years ago as never man was tested before? Was he ever known to betray a trust? Did he not hide "Old Master's" gold and mules and die before he would reveal their whereabouts? And at the same time did he not pilot the Federal Soldiers through the valleys and over the mountains? True to both sides! Was ever mortal so situated before? Still out of it all he came with the plaudits of both North and South.

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The long looked-for social came off last night. It was given under the auspices of the Frederick Douglass Social and Literary Club. It was a complete success in every way. Mr. J. S. Demies is the president of the club. Mr. Demies has worked very hard to bring the club to the front. Quite a number of visitors were present among whom were: Prof. O. F. Wilson, Mr. H. C. Whittly, Miss Ida Loomas, Misses Huff, Scott, Mary Austin and Dr. S M. Lyons, M. D. and others. It being at Miss Fannie Allens she made all arrangements necessary to make it a success. The Emancipation Proclamation was celebrated at the Antioch Baptist church. The program was a success. Some of the best and most inspiring speeches I ever heard was made. The slave question was discussed. The speakers were ex-state Senator R. Gleed, of Mississippi, Peter Thompson, Hon. S. B. Somerville, Rev. S. H. Francies, Rev. W. E. Jones, and Rev. Hamilton, D. D., of the M E. church.

The Epworth League at Trinity M. E. church carried out an excellent program. The bright and wide-awake young educator stands at the head of the league, Prof. O. T. Wilson. Rev. F. L. Lights, D. D., will soon join our reading list. The Dr. is an able preacher and a deep thinker. Mrs. F. L. Lights is not behind. is conceded one of the best writers in Texas. C. F. Branch will locate at Columbus, Tex. The man is on the lookout for a wife. F. B. Branch will move to the city in few days. Mr. J. M. Frost 309 Travis street, keeps fine buggy horses. Get The Freeman at Rev. S. H. Francies' grocery store and Hon. Gleed's grocery. E. C. Branch is an agent for seventy acres of farming land in Fort Bend county.

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The Christmas holidays were spent in the most enjoyable manner by all. At 11 o'clock a. m. Christmas day Rev. Jas. A. Johnson preached a sermon that will never be forgotten. The wife of Prof. Harry M. Johnson of the city schools is convalescent. Mrs. Emma Bird accompanied by several ladies whose names we have not learned, went to Waco on the 26th ult., to witness the marriage of Miss H T. Montgomery. It was the social event of the season. A visit to our own Peabody disclosed the fact that quite a number of our most intelligent young ladies are in attendance daily. Among them were: Misses Nettie Shelton, Willie Richardson, Innie King, Stella Williams, Hattie Shelton and a host of others who are strangers to us. Mrs. Alex Wilson, wife of our sweet singer went to Waco to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Plans for a literary society are being considered and a series of entertainments are booked for the winter. Only two young ladies of Hillsboro have been led to the altar this winter—Miss Mary Chissom by Robt. Perkins, and Miss Lucy Westbrook by John Files. A young man of this town was engaged to marry a young lady in South Texas on the 24th, but failed to "show up." The wedding is off. The mother of Rev. Jas. A. Johnson is visiting him. Miss Lunnie King who is teaching near Terrell spent the holidays with her parents. Mrs. Margaret Machen, wife of John Machen is out again, after a severe illness. There are a number of colored men here who by thrift and industry made themselves famous. In my next we shall tell your readers of them.

The Sandago Entertainment.

Sandago, Kan., Special.

The Sandago Union Sabbath school closed on the night of December 25th with a Christmas tree and concert by the school, which was a grand affair. The program was of a literary nature. The house was crowded and the exercises lasted from 7:30 to 11 p. m., all went away highly pleased. There was a social gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wheeler by Mrs. Harris on the evening of December 31st. The spacious parlors were filled with young and old, which comprised some of the best citizens of the neigborhood viz: G. W. Walker and family, N. Robinson and family, J. Buchanan and family, Micham Pool, and Booker Frazier. The invitation was extended to Great Bend which responded. The features of the evening were songs, recitations and plays as the old year ruled out and the new year in. Supper was served to about fifty people, which lasted from 12 to 3:30, after which several games were indulged in, when all went away well pleased.

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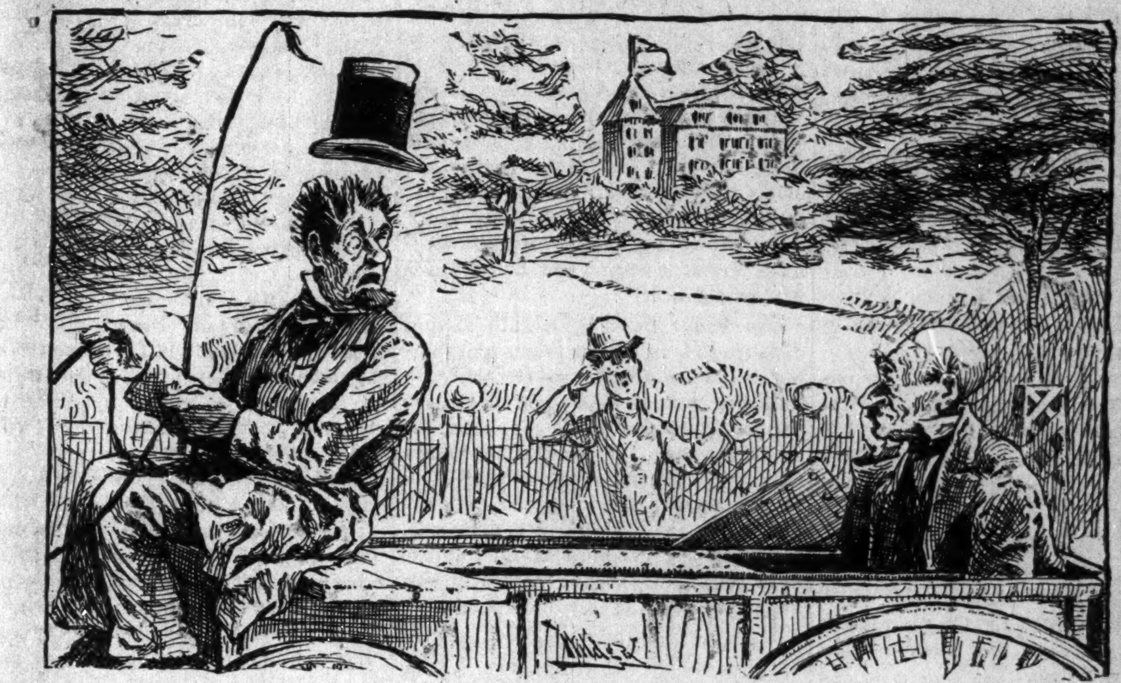
"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, **'You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.'"**

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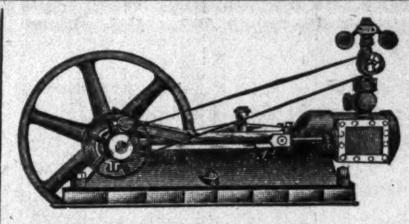

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Mrs. Eliza Lewis is spending a few weeks with her mother in Stanford, Ky.

Rev. A. Campbell is in Jacksonville, Ill., assisting in a serries of meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Porter entertained a few friends Friday evening, Jan. 3rd.

City advertisers desiring to increase their business should advertise in The Freeman.

Mrs. M. F. Stokes of Canada is visiting her brother, Elder Gilliam of North Indianapolis.

The "Kings Daughters" are preparing to produce the "Lady of Lyons" at an early date.

Chas. Allen has returned after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Lewis, 510 Superior street, entertained a company of friends last Thursday evening.

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Mrs. Edna Gee who recently returned from Richmond, Ind., is being highly entertained by her many friends

Harry Morgan entertained at his residence, 209 W. North street Monday evening in honor of Miss Carter of Richmond.

The Misses Venia and Florence Bolden, of Ridgefarm, Ill., are the guests of their sister Mrs. Laura Davis, of North West St.

Mrs. Hattie Ray, of St. Paul, Minn., is here visiting her mother Mrs. W. P. Q. Belle, of N. West St. She is quite ill at this writing.

Albert Carter of Westfield, and Mrs. Lucy Thompson of Columbus, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wade, 79 Howard St., recently

The Chrysanthemum Club gave a surprise party last Thursday evening Jan. 9th, in honor of Mrs. Sarah Dent, at 501 East Ninth street.

Miss Maggie Woods who has been the guest of her sisters, Mesdames Newby and Brummell returned to her home in Springfield, O., to-day.

On the 2nd inst., the Primrose Glee Club gave a tea party and musical social at the residence of Mr and Mrs. R. J. Person, 40 West First street.

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Misses Sallie Taylor and Catherine King of Louisville, who were visiting Mrs. Felix Davis, 170 Bird street, returned home Thursday of last week. While in the city they were entertained by Mrs. Tillie Richardson, Mrs. Chas. McDade and others.

Wednesday was the scenes of a brilliant entertainment at the residence of Mrs. Newby, 63 Howard street, the event being a grand reception and party given in honor of her sister Miss Woods of Springfield, O. The afternoon was given to callers, and many ladies were in attendance. At 8 p m the young people came in and the evening was delightful spent in games and music.

Knights of Father Mathews Jubilee was held at Masonic hall Sunday night, Jan. 5th. The following gentlemen were present and made addresses: Father Bessoines, J. A. Roundthaler, Luther Benson, G. A. Carstenson, Father Garvisk and G. L. Knox. P. J. Keller was master of ceremonies and performod his duties comendably well.

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Miss Florence Carr, daughter of Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Carr died Friday of last week. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Rouse at the Second Baptist church.

Miss Ella Palmer, 214 W. Vermont street, entertained a party of friends Friday evening Jan. 10th in honor of Miss Maggie Woods of Springfield, O.

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Bethel Notes.

The sermon Sunday night was a very pointed one on "Personal Religion."

The services at Bethel last Sunday were held in the lecture room owing to the severe cold weather.

O. Samuel, a converted Persian, delivered a highly entertaining lecture to a large audience Monday night.

Rev. J. C. Taylor of Springfield, O., delivered an illustrated lecture on the "Progress of the Negro" Tuesday night.

Robert Kite, an old member of Bethel church was buried last Sunday, Dr. Henderson conducted the funeral services.

The Methodist preachers meeting will be held at Bethel next Tuesday at 2 p. m. Rev. A. L. Murray will read a paper.

Rev. T. W. Henderson leaves the city Monday morning for Lexington, Ky. to conduct a series of meetings in Rev. S. J. Chamber's church.

Corinthian Notes.

Last Sunday morning a large congregation listened to a well prepared sermon by Rev. Harris. To-morrow morning his subject will be "The Sword of Gideon."

Father Hall, an old and respected member was buried from the church last week, Rev. E. B. Martin conducting the funeral services, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Harris.

The church is now engaged in a series of revival meetings. Increased interest is noted. Preaching each evening by the pastor assisted by ministers from other churches.

Beginning on last Sunday evening Rev. Harris will deliver a series of "Illustrated Sermons," to continue three months. The illustrations are life-size and clearly portrayed. His subject to-morrow evening will be "Jacob's Ladder."

Antioch Notes.

Rev. J. M. Morton, with the able assistance of Rev. J. Fisher is doing a great work in old Antioch.

Bros. Jacob Taylor, 478 Capital avenue south, and Moses Elkins, 471 Senate avenue north are seriously ill.

The Baptist Ministerial Alliance has agreed to assist the State Missionary in the furtherance of the cause. The first regular meeting was held Monday, Jan. 6th when the following officers were elected: Rev. J. M. Morton, president; Rev. B. F. Farrell, secretary; Rev. Chas. Williams, treasurer.

Jones Tabernacle Notes.

Rev. Wakefield is conducting a series of meetings at Blackford street church, assisted by Rev. Riley of Lovely Lane church.

The members of the church are making preparations for the May fair Two clubs are already organized for the futherance of the work.

Resolutions Passed.

A number of the leading citizens met at Zion Baptist church to discuss the subject of the Colored Benevolent society, lately organized. After a satisfactory explanation was given all parties concerned, the following resolution was offered by Rev. A. Campbell and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We have fully considered the workings of the Colored Benevolent society, and whereas a full and satisfactory explanation has been given to all parties concerned

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Their Leap Year Party a Brilliant Affair—Gay Lasses and Gallant Gents Trip the "Light Fantastic"—The Ladies do Double Honors by Sending Flowers, Proposing and Ordering Hacks—What They Wore.

The third of January will mark an epoch in the social life of our young people, and the event of that hour will do much toward bringing about that "era of good feeling" so essential to the well being and development of our society circles. On that evening took place the first leap year party of the Twentieth Century Club. The idea of inaugurating this pleasant diversion was the joint product of twelve brilliant young ladies—Misses Katherine Baughman, Kate A. Mann, Mamie I. Brown, Izora Brooks, Geeorgia C. Stevenson, Ella Evans, Lillian Hill, Jennie Wade, Ella Johnson, Maggie Ewing, Mamie Skinner, Nannie Riffe, and to them belong the credit of the elegant affair. The parlors of Mansur Hall opening into each other looked duly brilliant with lights and flowers and the personal splendor of twenty-five couple. The focus of brilliancy was the cosy and beautifully decorated hall where the dancing went forward under the inspiration of Panden Bros'. orchestra.

At 8:30 the grand march was begun, led by Miss Mamie Brown and E. O. Orsborne of Cincinnati. Glancing at the elaborate toilets of the ladies, which are deserving of special mention, we observed that Miss Baughman wore white taffeta silk, ribbons, and lace; Miss Mann, cream crepon with an elegant collarette of rare lace and white satin ribbon; Miss Brown, pink crepon, with collarette of Irish point lace; Miss Stevenson, girlish costume of white silk mull and satin ribbon; Miss Brooks, white brilliantine and silk point lace; Miss Skinner, black silk skirt and pale blue silk bodice; Miss Ella Evans, white lansdowne with pink velvet trimmings; Miss Johnson helitrope albatross with velvet trimmings; Miss Wade, empire gown of pink nuns veiling; Miss Ewing, blue cloth and black velvet trimmings; Miss Hill, white Paris muslin and collarette of sea-foam green silk; Miss Riffe, pale blue china silk; Miss Lucretia Gibson of Louisville, black brocaded silk with flowers and chiffon trimmings; Miss Lizzie Taggert, of St. Louis, white satin with white chiffon overdress; Miss Mary Hicks of Louisville, white satin and lace. The guests were those mentioned and Messrs. E. O. Orsburn of Cincinnati, A. E. Meyzeek, of Louisville, Jas. Renfro, of Chicago, S. A. Furniss, J. Baughman, J. Ward, W. Robbins, H. Jefferson, L. Jefferson, C. Sweeney, W. Dodd, W. Brown, J. Wilson, H. Cole, H. Cooper, F. Stokes, G. Worthington, G. Clay, H. Skinner, Ernest McMurry, W. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Taylor, Mr and Mrs. Remus Moore, Mr and Mrs. Jas. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Henderson, Mrs. B. Morgan and Misses Mamie Ewing and Higgs.

A dainty menu of ices, macaroons, punch and coffee was served. One of the most interesting features of the evening was the typical "new woman" calling for her company in a carriage, asking the gentlemen to dance, ushering them to the punch bowl and returning them safely to their homes at the early hour of midnight. So ended an event which shall long live in the annals of our social history.

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Miss Nahar.

The Dramatic Recital given at Bethel church Thursday night, the 9th, inst., by Miss Ednorah Nahar, of Boston, was well attended, but owing to the large auditorium not being crowded, it caused the star to make some unnecessary remarks, but were nicely smoothed over by the flowery Dr. Henderson. Miss Nahar held her audience spell bound, and the bursts of applause after each number soon convinced the talented lady that her work was appreciated. In the absence of Mr. Julius R. Cox, Master Thomas Jefferson took the part of Rudolph in "Leah, the Forsaken," and acquitted himself with credit, as this was his second appearance before an Indianapolis audience.

The "Lion's Bride"

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